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OUTLINES.

The annual indoor track and field games of the Irish-American Athletic Club at Madison Square Garden, New York, which were decided in the Madison Square Garden Friday, attracted an immense attendance. Several of the best athletics in the country competed——The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $29,832,175 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $10,694,550 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week ——The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not members of the clearing house, issued shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $613,478,500, total cash on hand $49,026,000 and loans amounting to $770,262,800——Money on call nominal. Time loans steady but quiet, sixty days 3 3-4 to 4 and ninety days 4 per cent.; six months 4 1-2——The dry goods market closed quiet and steady. Next week jobbers sales will be frequent as many buyers are coming in on excursions from the South and Southwest. Cotton goods hold fairly steady but a light trade is passing —— There was nothing in the news to account for the increase of selling pressure in the stock market, bonds were easy, sales, par value were $1,300,000——Rosin quiet at $4.00 and turpentine was quiet at 55 1-2; oats were steady, mixed sold at 57——The National Baseball Commission denied a request for the reinstatement of Bert Daniels, who is charged with jumping a contract with Jackson, Miss., in 1906. The request was denied because it was not presented by the player himself, and because the player, being a minor leaguer, is entirely within the jurisdiction of the national association of minor league clubs——Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 11 70! middling gulf 11.95; sales 2,020 bales.

We are sorry, but several of the Presidential candidates didn't see their shadow one week ago today.

Resignation rumors are again rife in Washington. Why all this hurry; they will all have to get out in 1909.

Chicago's new primary election law is said to require a ballot nine feet long. They will have to use a warehouse for a ballot box.

Ballooning is now recommended as a cure for tuberculosis, therefore Florida politicians should be exempt from the disease, for they are all up in the air.

A New York clergyman says the international marriages are good things. We expect they are for the clergy who are so fortunate as to be called to officiate.

There will be only two other Februarys in the present century so the dear young girls with bad faces and worse manners had better get "a move on."

The Augusta Herald takes consolation in the thought that there is "some moonshine to mellow the dryness." What's the matter with that dispensary beyond the bridge?

Another form of outrage has been found in the south; the whiskey men of Tennessee set a bear trap to catch a revenue officer who indulged his curiosity as to moonshine.

A carload of beer for one Atlanta drug store to use in flavoring soft drinks would seem to indicate that even the soft drinks of Georgia have become hardened to prohibition.

If that Kentucky Legislature would stop worying about electing a Senator and get after the Night Riders, it would be of some account. But they never will and a heap of people know the reason.

"The poor man has the same rights as the rich man" said President Roosevelt in his last message. Nevertheless the poor man continues to walk while the other fellow goes home in his automobile.

Now we know why we have so many headaches. A German biologist has calculated, we get a new brain, as 5,000,000 nerve cells die and are succeeded by new ones every day; we have 300,000,000 nerve cells in the brain, all told.

The bill now before the New York Legislature to prevent buying or selling of stocks on margin defines each party to the transaction as a common gambler, punishable by two years imprisonment. This ought to put a damper on the business, but the wicked brokers are not worrying much.

Elsewhere we reproduce an editorial from the Charlotte Observer in which announcement is made that contributions offered that paper either for or against prohibition, and whether original or selected, must be paid for or they will not be printed. We are surprised that the Observer did not adout this rule long since.

AT THE L.. T MINUTE

Reprieve Granted to F. zier Jones at Greensboro Upon Request of Solicitor.

LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW

Forty-three Out of Class of 46—Major of Second Infantry Resigned—Aldermen Vexed—League Headquarters—Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—About thirty minutes before the hour set for the execution of Frazier Jones, colored, at Greensboro today on the charge of wife murder, Solicitor E. C. Brooks called Governor Glenn over long distance telephone and said such pressure had been brought to bear on him to recommend commutation that he must ask the Governor to allow him ten days in which to consider the matter since it had been reported around that the Governor would not commute the sentence unless he or the trial judge would recommend it.

The Governor reprieves Jones ten days to Februar 18th. The Governor says this must not be understood as an indication that he will finally commute to life imprisonment as with the present lights before him, he has the conviction that the negro should be hanged.

The North Carolina Supreme Court announces the names of the law students who were successful in the examination at the opening of the court last Monday and are awarded licenses to practice in the courts of this State. There are forty-three out of a class of forty-six. The names follow: Richard L. Brown, Stanly county; William S. Britt, Robeson; John A. Watson, Yancey; Claude B. McBrayer, Cleveland; Oscar L. Sikes, Union; James A. Powers, Pender; Henry C. Richardson, Union; David H. Bland, Pender; Clarence L. Whitner, Catawba; Emmitt B. Blackmore, Duplin; James M. Sharpe, Jr., Rockingham; Joseph C. Meekins, Tyrrell; Ralph L. Johnston, Johnston; William S. Gardner, Yancey; Richard A. Turner, Yadkin; John S. Butler, Sampson; William C. Brewer, Wake; J. William Bailey, Wake; Thomas L. Johnson, Buncombe; John A. Barker, Robeson; Theodore E. McGrary, Davidson; Charles A. Hines, Guilford; John J. Parker, Union; Hiram S. Kirkpatrick, Haywood; Jos. W. Wilson, Harnett; Walter S. Thomas, Richmond; Henry Y. Heyer, New Hanover; Thomas A. McNeill, Jr. Robeson; Arthur Leach, Montgomery; Frank L. Dunlap, Anson; Kerr Craige, Rowan; Stahle Linn, Rowan; Joseph W. Timberlake, Charlottesville, Va.; John Huff, Wake; Wade H. Ancrum, Wake; Charles G. Lee, Buncombe; Harry H. Barker, Yadkin; George W. Yores, Rockingham, Ben O. Thompson, Cleveland; Judson S. Bohannan, Haywood; Walter W. Haigler, Buncombe; Ambrose A. Featherstone, Jr., Buncombe; Neill R. Graham, Mecklenburg.

Announcement is made at the office of the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard that the resignation of George B. Southerland, of Maxton, as major in the Second Infantry is accepted. An election will be called later for the selection of his successor.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner received today a unique invitation to deliver the address for the closing exercises of a large public school. The principal wrote that some one was wanted who could talk of education; that last year the speaker did not interest his people at all and never referred to educational matters. Superintendent Joyner says there is food for thought in this for all the orators who will regale commencement audiences during the approaching season for the closing of the schools. In this particular case he will undertake to fill the bill.

The Raleigh Aldermen are vexed and in a sort of a dead lock just now on the issue of licensing drug stores to fill prescriptions under the local prohibition law. The druggists ask for and some aldermen favor a $75 license, others contending for as high as $1,500. A motion for $75 license was defeated today and the matter went over to the March meeting. Some of the aldermen are demanding that the druggists be required to post names for whom whiskey prescriptions are filed at the City Hall. Charlotte's record of 8,000 prescriptions in one year is being urged as excuse for the $1,500 license advocated.

Permanent Anti-Saloon League headquarters for the pending prohibition campaign throughout the State have been opened in the Edwards & Broughton building by State Chairman John A. Oates and Organizer Davis and the active work of the campaign is now under way. Chairman Oates says that while the task of carrying the work into every precinct of every county with the degree of force that has characterized the local town elections the past few years and assured victory is a gigantic one, he feels that he and those associated with him will be able to do this especially in view of the fact that every minister of the gospel in the State is a direct, active "campaigner" and ninety-nine per cent of the women of the State are with them.

An elaborate programme has been arranged for the annual meeting of the Raleigh Associated Charities Sunday afternoon. Governor Glenn will deliver the principal address.

The farm house of James Baugh, four miles northeast of Raleigh was distroyed by fire last night. Very little of the contents were saved. Mr. Baugh was awakened when the flames were well under way and he and his wife and little son escaped.

While playing with a 22-calibre repeating rifle supposed to be "unloaded" Laurie Jordan pointed it at his playmate, Ed Denton, Jr., and pulled the triger just as Denton jumped behind a tree to dodge. The gun fired and the bullet passed through the bark of the tree and into the side of young Denton inflicting a flesh wound. The boys were playing in the yard of the Jordan home on Morgan street.

The Beach.

Cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. Oyster roasts at Lumina. **

DELIGHTFUL TRIP TO FORT

Complimentary Outing by Wilmington Pythians Yesterday to Judge and Mrs. C. A. Barnes, of Illinois —Luncheon Served.

Many Wilmington Pythians, members of their families and lady friends on yesterday had the pleasure of meeting personally Hon. Charles A. Barnes, the distinguished Supreme Chancellor of the order in the United States and a guest in the city of Supreme Master of Exchequer T. D. Meares, of Wilmington.

The opportunity was afforded in a delightful trip down the river on the steamer Wilmington, given complimentary to Judge and Mrs. Barnes by their host and hostess during their sojourn in the city and by the local entertainment committee from the K. of P. lodges here.

The steamer left foot of Market street at 11 o'clock and the party numbered between one and two hundred, embracing among the leading people, ladies and gentlemen, of the city. Upon the arrival at Fort Caswell in response to a very cordial invitation from Major Schumm, in command of the post, the visitors were given a cordial welcome and two and a half hours was most pleasantly spent there. The party was escorted to the different places of interest about the grounds and shown the great battery of guns and other artillery that form the garrison there. Some time was also spent quite pleasantly in the observation tower, which commands a fine view of the harbor and bar at the mouth of the historic Cape Fear.

Returning to the city an elegant luncheon was served on board the boat and the visitors were occupied with numerous games and other diversions on the decks, the weather having been ideal for an outing of the kind. The steamer reached the city on the return shortly after 5 o'clock and all were delighted with the pleasures of the occasion.

Judge and Mrs. Barnes leave this afternoon on the Seaboard Air Line train for Charlotte, where they will board one of the through trains for a trip to the Pacific coast via Atlanta and New Orleans. Wilmington was delighted to have them here and hopes that their sojourn at North Carolina's chief seaport and metropolis was quite pleasant.

UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB.

Popular Young Wilmingtonian a Member—May Come Here.

The Wilmington friends of Mr. Harry Solomon, of this city, will be interested and pleased to know that he won out in a recent competition for violinist on the University Glee Club and that there is a likelihood of the Glee Club's placing Wilmington on its itinerary during the coming Spring. Mr. Solomon was a pupil of Mrs. J. D. Edwards and Mr. John Kneissel during his school days in this city and all who have heard him pronounce his playing excellent. He is to be congratulated upon his selection as a member of the Glee Club at the University where he has entered for a full academic course, after which he will enter for one of the professions.

The Glee Club usually makes its tour of the State in April and it is hoped that a Wilmington date can be arranged. The attraction would draw well here where there are many alumni of the University and where there is an appreciation of the best that there is in music.

BAD FORM OF HAZING.

Cadets at A. & M. College Fared Badly at Hands of Comrades.

Mr. H. L. Fennell, of this city, expects to leave for Raleigh today in response to a letter received last night from his son giving another account of outrageous hazing at the A. & M. College, young Mr. Fennell with about a dozen of his classmates having been set upon by a party of sophomores and painted in the face with nitrate of silver. Though no permanent injury was done, it is stated that the students will suffer for some days to come. Paul Hendren, of Chadbourn, and N. R. Martin, of Wilmington, are said to be among the number of other freshmen who received this harsh treatment which occurred during the absence of the commandant.

MILL PLANT BURNED

Destructive Fire Yesterday Morning at The Cape Fear Lumber Company.

LOSS MAY REACH $100,000

Saw and Machinery Departments a Complete Loss—Insurance is Sufficient to Cover—Schooner Towed into Stream.

The saw mill and machinery plant of the Cape Fear Lumber Company, on the water front in the northern section of the city, were completely destroyed by a fire which started immediately under the mill and was probably caused by friction yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. The loss is variously estimated at from $75,000 to $100,000, fully covered by insurance.

It was only through the heroic efforts of the Fire Department and some two hundred employes at the mill that the dry kilns and a large amount of lumber piled up on the yards were saved. The planing mill, located on the first floor of the main building, was damaged to some extent but this was saved by the hardest. It was one of the worst fires the Department has had to cope with in many months and large volumes of smoke rising from the water front attracted large numbers of people to the scene.

The mill had only recently started up after having been shut down since before the holidays on account of the depression in the lumber market and the general financial stringency. All the machinery had been overhauled and the mill placed in first class shape. Until the mill and machinery plant of the works can be rebuilt, about 200 men will be out of employment.

The fire was first discovered under what is known as the "sawyer" and the sprinkling apparatus maintained in the plant was immediately turned loose from the overhead, but the fire fanned by a northwest breeze, burned fiercely and it was soon seen that the blaze was beyond control of the brigade maintained at the mill. An alarm was sent in to the Department from box 124 and very soon thereafter the general alarm went in, summoning the entire fire fighting force of the city. The fireboat and crew in the meantime had passed rapidly up the river front and hose was laid both from Fourth and Taylor streets and from the Wilmington Compress and Warehouse Company, on Nutt street, the latter requiring something like 1,500 feet of hose. An engine was stationed at Fourth and Taylor and on account of the inaccessability of the mill it was some time until a stream could be brought to play upon the burning property. The mill force, headed by Alderman J. A. Karr, were rendered powerless when the engine room caught and the private pumps were stopped. Very soon, however, the firemen were hard at work and several harbor steamers, including the Madeleine, the Sea King and the Atlantic came up from the water front and began to play streams from that side.

The main mill building extends east and west about 40x100 feet in size and is two stories high. The river end of both floors was burned completely up but the planing mill on the first floor of the structure on the land end was saved by good work on the part of the Department. On the north side of this main building is a brick boiler room where is installed the battery of eight or ten boilers. Two of these were damaged greatly, but it is thought the others escaped with but little injury. Just west of the boiler room was the frame engine room from which is furnished all the power for driving the vast machinery of the big plant. This was burned also with a comparatively new Corliss engine said to have cost $5,600. Then there were two main driving belts that had just been put in at a cost of something over $1,000 to say nothing of various other machinery. Although the dry kilns were located within 50 or 75 feet of the main building, none of these was burned although the heat was fierce and the material was dry and inflammable. The firemen fought for several hours before the blaze was under control, but by nightfall everything was in such shape as to be handled by the mill force and the firemen retired from one of the most stubborn fights they have had in a long time.

The schooner J. S. Hoskins was receiving cargo at the wharves of the mill, but she was cut loose from her moorings and towed safely by the tug Sea King to the middle of the stream. She will later return to the dock and complete her cargo.

On the mill plant and lumber stored on the yard there was a total of $320,000 insurance, all placed by Clayton Giles & Son, of this city. The loss on the plant is variously estimated at from 33 1-3 to 40 per cent. of the total valuation, so that at the least calculation there will be a loss of $75,000. There were more than six million feet of rough and dressed lumber on the yards, but none of this caught.

Mr. J. A. Arringdale, vice president and general manager of the company, was in New York at the time of the the fire but he was immediately communicated with by long distance telephone by Mr. C. O. Byerly, of the company, and while nothing was given out as to the rebuilding of the property, it is almost certain that the damage will be repaired as speedily as possible. Mr. E. M. Wiley, of Wiley, Harker & Camp, New York, is president of the company and it is expected that several of the officials will be here in the next day or two to adjust the losses with the insurance companies and take steps to rebuild.

The effect of the closing down of the mill by reason of the fire will be felt in Wilmington as the plant is one of the largest industries in the city and a large amount of money is thrown into the channels of trade weekly by its operation.

Odds and Ends Sale. Big bargains. Read our advertisement. Hewlett & Price. fe 7 5t

DECAMPED WITH MONEY

Sensational Charge Filed at Police Headquarters by Well Known Resident of Southern Part of the City—Eloped.

Mr. W. H. H. Todd, a well known resident in the southern section of the city, Friday night filed a complaint at police headquarters that during his absence from home that afternoon his wife had eloped with another man, taking all the money that he had, amounting to something over $100 and realizing all she could upon what property they held in common, leaving him aught but a note explaining that she had found her "affinity" elsewhere.

The unfaithful wife took with her the little three-year-old daughter of the parents and gave no intimation of where she was going. Mr. Todd asked the police to keep a lookout on all outward bound trains and men were sent to the early morning trains yesterday, but nothing developed. The man with whom she left is described as being a cock-eyed man and is said to be one of the preachers of the queer "unknown tongue" sect which has made some headway in the ignorant quarters of the city, though Mr. Todd had not the least idea that his wife would fall in with any such nonsense. She left a long note scribbled on leaves of an ordinary memorandum book which had been carefully sewed together at the ends on a sewing machine.

The husband was naturally outraged at this intrusion upon his domestic affairs and could not trust himself to go with the officers to the trains yesterday morning. The police gave him all the aid possible during yesterday, but they had accomplished nothing up to last night. It is believed that under the guise of the religion he professed, the man induced her to leave home and that some clue will be obtained soon as to their whereabouts.

Mr. Todd talked very freely to the police about the case and said that the wife and man had not only taken all the money that he had saved up and was keeping at his home, but that they got all the money on other property which the wife could lay her hands upon. He will deal with the man if he can ever find his whereabouts.

FLAG PRESENTATION

Delightful Affair This Afternoon at Boys' Brigade Armory.

All members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics are asked to assemble this afternoon at their hall on Market street for the purpose of attending in a body the exercises which will mark the presentation of a handsome Bible and flag to the Boys' Brigade. The exercises will begin at 4:30 instead of 3:30 as previously announced and Mr. E. C. Woodbury will be master of ceremonies. The musical numbers will be by a double male quartette composed of Messrs. Wilbur Dosher, J. H. Saunders, A. L. Dosher, J. W. Fleet, W. A. McGirt, J. S. Williams, F. M. Griffith and W B. Muse with Mr. A. H. Yopp, accompanist. The order of exercises will be as follows:

1. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Martin.
2. Selection by Double Quartette.
3. Presentation of Bible and Flag by E. N. Penny.
4. Song by Double Quartette.
5. Acceptance of Bible and Flag by Charles C. Loughlin, Esq.
6. Song by Double Quartette.
7. Benediction by Rev. G. A. Martin.
8. Raising Flag.

Song by Council, Star Spangled Banner.

CUTTER IN PORT

Seminole Arrived Up Yesterday From Another Search on Coast.

The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole arrived up yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock from a cruise along the coast as far north as Hatteras in search of the steamer Bluefields, previously reported and now long overdue. Nothing was heard of the missing steamer. The cutter also went to the assistance of the three-masted schooner previously reported ashore at Ocracocke but she was so far up on the shoals that the cutter could not reach her and she has been left to private wreckers. The cutter expects to remain in port until about the middle of the week.

Through a queer misunderstanding of a telephone message, the cutter was met upon arrival by a hearse upon the supposition that some one was dead on board, but this was an error. Captain Quinan, his officers and crew were very much alive and the cruise was an uneventful one in every respect.

THE PEACE SOCIETY

Arbitration and Peace Congress to Be Held Here First Week in May.

MANY PROMINENT VISITORS

Local Organization Making All Arrangements for Great Gathering —Among Those Who Are Coming—Officers.

The North Carolina Peace Society, which was organized here a year ago by Mr. Hayne Davis, of New York, has completed all arrangements for the holding of the North Carolina Arbitration and Peace Congress in Wilmington upon the first anniversary of the organization the first week in May, the fourth to the tenth inclusive.

The purpose of the Congress is to spread among the people accurate knowledge of the progressive proposals approved by the Second Hague Conference and to popularize the idea which the American group of the Interparliamentary Union desires to propose at the approaching Interparliamentary Conference to be held at Berlin next August. A large number of prominent visitors will be here for this occasion and the local society is laying plans for a royal entertainment of all who come. Among the number will be Senators Simmons and Overman and Representative Small, of the North Carolina delegation in Congress who are honorary presidents of the North Carolina Society; Senator McReary, of Kentucky, author of the resolution unanimously approved by Congress in 1888 upon which the Union of American Republics is founded; Representative Bartholdt, of St. Louis, Mo., author of the resolution of the Interparliamentary Union upon which the Second Hague Conference was called and now president of the Arbitration Group in Congress; Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, of Mississippi, formerly president general of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, all of whom it is hoped to have addresses from.

The programme is being rapidly completed, and in such a way that the most eminent authorities on all phases of the peace movement will speak on the questions which they thoroughly understand. It is expected to have representatives of the Army and Navy, and of the Patriotic Societies that have sprung up in the wake of past wars, prominent in the work of this Congress.

The most prominent people in official life in North Carolina are also expected, so that the gathering will be one of the most distinguished assemblies in this State in many years. Six branches of the North Carolina Society have already been formed in the principal cities of the State and at the University of North Carolina, and in coming years these congresses will be held in these various places. Among those expected for the Wilmington meeting will be President Venable, of the University of North Carolina, and perhaps President Edwin Alderman, of the University of Virginia. A letter from Mr. Hayne Davis, of New York, president of the North Carolina Society, states that a conference of the officers of the Society and members of Congress who will take part will be held in Washington in a few days.

At a recent meeting of the North Carolina members of Congress, the holding of the proposed Peace Congress in North Carolina was unanimously approved, and the co-operation of the twelve North Carolina members of the National legislature was promised in support of this Peace Congress at Wilmington.

Among the officers of the North Carolina Peace Society are, Governor Glenn, Ex-Governor Aycock, the President of the University of North Carolina, two of the most prominent candidates for the governorship at the next election, the mayors of the principal cities of the State, the heads of boards of trade and chambers of commerce, the present and former Chief Justice, the captain of the famous Wilmington Light Infantry and of other military organizations.

The local officers of the Society are Mr. James Sprunt, honorary president; Captain Wm. F. Robertson, vice president; Mr. Thomas H. Wright, secretary and treasurer; Louis Goodman, Esq., auditor; Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson, historian. The president is Mr. Hayne Davis, a native North Carolinian now residing in New York. He is expected here this week to confer with the local officers relative to the Congress to be held in May.

Only Pebble on the Beach.

Again yesterday there were no arrests by the police and only one trifling case in the police court at noon. Frank Davis, colored, arrested for sleeping in the postoffice vestibule about 1 o'clock yesterday morning was given 30 days for vagrancy. He said that he had been doing odd jobs about town, but that did not excuse him from trespassing on government property and he was sent to the roads for 30 days.

$2.50 Hats, Spring styles, this sale $1.98 at Fuch's. *1

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BOYCOTT IS ILLEGAL.

Labor unions are figuring quite often in the courts these days.

The Supreme Court has decided that the boycott is illegal where it is against goods that have a market outside of the State in which they are manufactured.

The particular case in which this decision was rendered began in Danbury, Conn., D. E. Lowe & Co., hat manufacturers, refused to unionize their factory and the company's hats were boycotted by the hat makers. The firm brought suit for $80,000 against Martin Lawler and 200 other members of the local Hatters' Union The claim was made by the firm that its business had been greatly injured by the boycott which the defe[illegible] had placed on its ma[illegible] ducts.

Th[illegible] to prohibit the [illegible]d telegraph for [illegible] may cut out [illegible]ials of marriage. Mar[illegible] a lottery.—Galveston News.

[illegible]of the [illegible]ays ago the Su[illegible] of the District of Colum[illegible] granted an injunction against the American Federation of Labor, enjoining it from publishing the Bucks Stove and Range Company in its unfair list. It looks, therefore, as if, in future, labor and capital would have to fight their battles in the courts. The strike will eventually take its place on the shelf along with the boycott, not to be used in struggles between capital and labor. In the meantime, however, the courts will see to it that labor has its rights in every particular. They will take care that capital does labor no injustice. Labor is in need of such protection sometime, and there is no doubt that it will get it. Courts have a wholesome respect of the ballot, and will take care to render decisions that appeal to the sense of justice of all classes.

ONLY A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

(Charlotte Observer.)

We are on the threshold of a prohibition campaign in North Carolina—never an agreeable thing to go through whether the area involved is a community or a State. The prohibition party has a well knit, enthusiastic, aggressive organization, and of course a literary bureau. The statement has been made in newspapers that the anti-prohibitionists will have an organization also and have a great deal of money to spend, and if these statements are true they, too, will of course have a literary bureau. In addition to the grind which will be furnished the press by these bureaus, there will be many writers on both sides operating independently, free lances who will generally write anonymously.

The Observer cannot afford to lumber up its columns with free argumentation and controversy over this subject, to its own hurt as a newspaper and as a contributor to the strife which is to ensue. In a word, the circular addresses of organizations, the arguments of adherents of either cause, anything offered that is without the element of news, will have to pay its way in this paper. The rule is effective after this date. Notices of meetings or speeches, mention of speeches which confines itself to the news value will be welcomed and will be printed free, with pleasure, for that is the business of the paper. Contributors of literature which transgresses the limit above prescribed will have to see the business office. The rule is of uniform application and is therefore fair to all. The argument of either side is already known and there is no sall on the Observer to surrender its space to free argument and debate, to the fatigue of its readers, to the sacrifice of its value as a purveyor of news and to the promotion of discord and bitterness, of which there will be enough without any assistance from it.

HENRY CLEWS GETS GOOD

Selling on margin is to be discontinued by Henry Clews, the Wall street operator, because President Roosevelt doesn't like that sort of thing.

Mr. Clews says that hereafter he will buy and sell stocks for customers on "credit," they putting up 10 per cent. as satisfactory security, as usual "I defy President Roosevelt, Congress or anybody else to prevent me from selling on credit," said Mr. Clews.

The only change in the charter of the business will consist in changing the world "margin" to "credit." All of which is but another illustration of the old proverb that there are other ways of killing a dog besides choking him with melted butter.

NO REDUCTION IN PRICES.

The great American manufacturers of iron and steel had a conference the other day and decided that there was no necessity for a reduction in prices.

Most certainly not from their way of looking at it. They control the domestic market and the tariff keeps out the foreign product.

Just so long as this condition continues they can make the price what they please and the domestic consumer will have to pay or do without. In the meantime, however, the foreign purchasers are given the advantage of much lower prices. With the steel and similar trusts charity both begins and ends away from home.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—For one who is not in the race, Roosevelt must seem to Taft to be using up a lot of the flash powder.—New York American.

What were once the Confederate States of America may be within a few years the Prohibition States of America.—Arkansas Gazette.

[illegible] has discovered that [illegible] what the deuce is [illegible] is Commercial Ap[illegible]

—Whatever else he may lack, every Republican in the list of would-be Presidents is full of confidence that he can defeat William J. Bryan.—Washington Post.

—And the worst of its is that the President is very likely to continue to bombard the country with similar campaign documents from now until election.—Providence Tribune.

Those wise jurists around Atlanta have discovered that "shoe polish" is not a reasonable beverage and is, therefore not to be suppressed entirely by the prohibition law.—Valdosta Times.

"Hughes needs a leader," declares a New York politician. The only trouble with some of the other gentlemen mentioned in connection with the presidency is that they need followers.—Washington Post.

The preacher who gives it out that "earth is a suburb of heaven" is queering his own game in this day, when the suburbs have all the advantages and few of the discomforts of urban life.—Nashville American.

—A verdict of guilty against a man convicted of stealing timber from the State is accompanied by a recommendation of mercy from the jury. Probably it is argued that the offense was committed in the heat of passion.—New York Sun.

It is estimated that "hot air" in Congress costs the people $150 a minute when it is turned on. Uncle Sam or Uncle Joe Cannon, or somebody else, should put some of those human radiators out of business.—Chattanooga Times.

One member of Congress wants the chaplain's prayers to be published in every issue of the Congressional Record. But the circulation of the sheet could be increased more rapidly by printing the stories that are told in the cloakrooms every day.—Washington Post.

The Gridiron Club still maintains its place as the most famous dining club in the world, and its dinners still call together more distinguished men than any other social event of the season. And this last one seems to have beaten the record in distinguished attendants.—Boston Herald.

The orange crop harvest of California, now in full season, in quantity and quality promises to break all previous records. The fruit exchanges of the State estimate that the total output of oranges will reach 30,000 car loads, about 9,000,000 boxes, or 1,350,000,000 oranges. The harvest will last until July 4.—New York Press.

—When the mercury in the thermometer falls the lowest is the time when human charity should reach its highest, for it is the time when nature combines with misfortune to make the hardships which the poor endure so much greater. The task of providing fuel, sufficient clothing and nutritious food is a difficult one when Jack Frost prowls about seeking the unprotected. To give assistance and care to the unfortunates is not only a duty, but one of the privileges to do good of which those in better circumstances should take advantage.—Baltimore American.

Thaw's name has not appeared in these columns for months. We never discussed his case nor any of the circumstances connected with it. But now that the trial is over, and a jury has acquitted him on the ground of insanity at the time the murder was committed, we would like to ask on what grounds he has been consigned to an asylum for criminals. In the eyes of the law Thaw cannot be a criminal, for the verdict given him was Not Guilty. He has not even been legally adjudged a lunatic now. Where then, is the justification of consigning him to a prison madhouse, a loathsome place, vilely inhabited; in which the sights and sounds are such as revolt the senses and must well upset the reason of a sane mind. There are in New York well-ordered hospitals for the insane under State direction, and it does seem to us that Thaw might have been sent to one of these and kept under guard, but in reasonable comfort, until final determination of his mental condition.—Virginia Pilot.

Do You?

Do you remember, sweet Alice, Ben Bolt,
Sweet Alice, whose hair was so brown!
She had Pneumonia, you remember, Ben Bolt
And bought all of Gowan's in town!

Well, she recovered and wrote a testimonial saying that Gowan's Pneumonia Cure was the best remedy for coughs, croup, colds and Pneumonia ever on the market. And what Sweet Alice said thousands of others have said. Of course one 50 cent bottle would have cured her, but she was excited. All druggists.

TWINKLINGS.

—The principal topic of conversation among naval officers in Washington was the performance of the parody on "Pinafore," given by the Gridiron Club in the presence of the President. Many Army and Navy officers were present and the political aspects of the dinner were dwarfed in their minds by the "roast" on the new policy of putting surgeons in command of ships. Never has a Gridiron dinner been the subject of so much discussion among naval men. The newspaper reports of the dinner did not give much space to this feature. The parody was sung by a number of Gridironers in naval uniform. The song which aroused the enthusiasm of the Navy men was to the air of Sir Joseph Porter's solo:

When I was a lad I served a term
As office boy in a druggist firm,
When any near the place grew ill,
I gave 'em paregoric or a quinine pill.

Chorus—He gave 'em paregoric or a quinine pill.

I gave 'em paregoric so carefullee,
That now I am the ruler of this great navee.

When I decided to go to sea,
The ignorance there astonished me.
The sailors did not seem to know
The stuff that we were sailing on was H2O.

Chorus—The stuff that we were sailing on was H2O.

But I told 'em all about it so carefullee
That now I am the ruler of this great navee.

In the course of time I hope to know
The proper Latin for "Yo-heave ho."
The way to keep a ship secure
Is to feel its pulse and take its temp'rature.

Chorus—Is to feel its pulse and take its temp'rature.

I felt its pulse so carefullee,
That now I am the ruler of this great navee.

And now, young man, if you should get
A fad for living in the briny,
Devote yourself most faithfullee
To the study of calomel and flaxseed tea.
If you study your calomel carefullee
You may all be rulers of the great navee.

Dick Deadeye's solo, to the air of "Kind Captain, I've important information," was:

Kind Captain, I've got an inflammation;
Sing, hey, the gallant Captain that you are.
Oh, please prescribe a course of navigation;
Sing, hey, the merry doctor and the tar.

Chorus:
The merry, merry doctor,
The merry doctor,
Sing hey, the merry doctor and the tar.

The Captain replied:

Poor fellow, you are threatened with disaster;
Sing hey, the gallant fellow that you are.
Take liver pills and wear a porous plaster—
Sing hey, the merry doctor and the tar.

Little Cut-'Em-Up, with a basket of bottles on her arm:

I've tincture of tolu
And gumdrops for Lulu,
As sweet a girl as I could find
If trouble should stir up,
'Tis certain to quiet the mind,
I've squills and fact powder,
Beef tea and clam chowder,
And all that a drug store should sell;
I've tooth paste and candy,
And things that come handy,
In case you're not feeling quite well.
Buy of your Cut-'Em-up—Dear little Cut-'Em-Up—
Doctors should never be shy,
Buy of your Cut-'Em-Up—
Come, of your Cut-'Em-Up buy.

Persons in high executive places seemed much interested in the burlesque.—Washington special to the New York World.

—Fayetteville Observer: "The Fayetteville Mattress and Broom Manufacturing Company has been organized here and a charter obtained, with Messrs. L. L. Greenwood and Harlee Townsend, of this city, and Mr. Fisher, of Parkton as incorporators. The authorized capital stock is $50,000. The factory will be located in this city, but the site has not yet been chosen."

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NORTH CAROLINA,
Duplin County,
In the Superior Court.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

W. R. Newbury on behalf of himself and all other Stockholders and Creditors.

vs.

The H. E. Newbury Company.

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE SHERIFF OF DUPLIN COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED To summon The H. E. Newbury Company, the Defendant above named, if it be found within your County, to be and appear before the Judge of our Superior Court at the Court to be held for the County of Duplin at the Court House in Kenansville on the second Monday before the first Monday in March, 1908, and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County within the first three days of the term, and let the said Defendant take notice that if it fails to answer the said complaint within that term, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint and the cost of this action to be taxed by the Clerk.

Herein fail not, and of this summons make due return.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of January, A. D., 1908.

D. H. WALLACE,
Clerk of the Superior Court, Duplin County.
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Suburban Schedule

(In effect Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1908.)
Daily except Sunday.

LEAVE.

Wilmington East Bound	Wrightsville Westbound	Wrightsville Beach Westbound
7:00 A. M.	6:25 A. M.	
8:30 A. M.	7:55 A. M.	7:45 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
3:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
4:30 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
6:15 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
8:00 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
10:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	
	10.30 P. M.	

Sunday Schedule.

LEAVE.

Wilmington East Bound	Wrightsville Westbound	Wrightsville Beach Westbound
9:00 A. M.	9:55 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
10:00 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 A. M.
1:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
2:30 P. M.	3:25 P. M.	3:15 P. M.
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10:00 P. M.	10:30 P. M.	

Freight Schedule.

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (Daily except Sunday).

Freight received at 9th and Orange streets from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess streets and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess from 6:50 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leaving 17th and Market from 7:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. All suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.
(Sundays.

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:30 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leave Seventeenth and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:40 A. M. until 10:00 P. M.

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On the trips leaving corner of Front and Princess streets at 2:30, 3:30, 5:10 and 7:10 P. M. daily except Sunday, the Carolina Place car will be run to the Golf Links. Sundays 9:30 A. M.

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

Miss Mamie Bryan, of Tarboro, N. C., who has been the guest of Miss Mamie Clark, has returned to her home.

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Miss June Hopkins, of St. Augustine, Fla., is the attractive guest of Miss Sophie Campbell, at the "Carolina."

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Miss Josephine Claiborne McIlwane, one of Petersburg's most attractive young ladies, is in the city, where she is visiting Mr. and Mrs W. R. Kingsbury.

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The many friends of Mr. Clarence Myers, who is now living in Newbern, N. C., were pleased to see him in the city during the past week he spent several days.

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Mr. and Mrs Haywood Clark and family made a pleasant but short visit to Tarboro, during the past week, where they went to attend a family reunion. They returned to their home on Saturday much to the delight of their many friends in this city.

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L'Arioso German which will take place on Wednesday the 26th of the month, is an event most pleasantly anticipated by Wilmington society. L'Arioso dances are always greatly enjoyed, and the coming dance will be no less a success for the many brilliant ones that have preceded it.

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Mr. Henry Heyer was in the city for a few days during the past week, on a visit to his parents. Mr. Heyer is taking a course of law at the University of North Carolina, and was recently elected the President of his class. This was quite a compliment to his ability and popularity, as he is the youngest member of his class.

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Miss Nellie Durham was the charming hostess of an attractive entertainment given to the M. G. R. Card Club, at her home on Thursday afternoon. The parlors were prettily decorated, and dainty refreshments were served. The guests departed with much regret and assurances of a most pleasant evening.

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An announcement of much interest to their friends in this city, was that made by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Butler of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Wilson Butler to Mr. H. Fairweather Kydd, of Vancouver, B. C., the wedding to take place in the early summer. Both the young people have many friends in this city, who extend to them hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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The following item will be read with interest by friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flagler in this city: "Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flagler have returned from their excursion to the Keys over the new extension of Mr. Flagler's railroad and are settled in their Palm Beach home, Whitehall, with Mrs. W. R. Kenan as their guest. The other members of the party, Graham Kenan, Miss Sarah Kenan, and Percy Van Ness of New York, are touring Cuba."

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The Howard Relief Club will celebrate its fifty-second anniversary on Wednesday, February 19th, and preparations are now under way for an appropriate celebration, by a large dance to be followed by an elaborate luncheon. The entertainment will take place at the handsome rooms of the Club, on Front street, and the hours will be from nine-thirty to one-thirty. The event is being most pleasantly anticipated by the members of the Club.

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Mrs. E. Bissenger entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday afternoon, at an informal reception, given at her home on Princess street, in commemoration of her seventieth anniversary. Later in the evening, Mrs. Bissenger entertained her children at an elaborate dinner. Mrs. Bissenger is the recipient of many congratulations upon her advanced years and good health, and the hopes of her hosts of friends are that she will live to enjoy many such anniversaries.

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The dance given by L'Agile German Club was the principle social event of the past week, having taken place in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday night. About twenty-five couples participated, and the dance was led by Mr. Paul L. Cantwell. The visiting young ladies present were, Miss Senie Critz, and Miss Grace Whitaker, of Winston-Salem, Miss Ida Evans, of Warrenton, Va., and Miss Edith Coulston, of Louisiana. The usual decorations were used, and the close of the dance brought regret to the hearts of the participants.

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Clinton, Feb. 5.—An interesting social event was the marriage here today at high noon of Miss India Bumgardner and Mr. Hugh M. Humphrey. The marriage rites were solemnized by Bishop Strange in St. Paul's Episcopal church. The bride is a daughter of the late Captain W. L. Bumgardner, of Virginia, and a social favorite here. The groom is a popular insurance man of Goldsboro. Breakfast was served the bridal party at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. E. L. Faison, at Elliott, after which Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey left on their bridal tour, which will include a visit to Cuba.

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Suffolk, Va., February 5.—Miss Jessie Campbell Nurney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Nurney, and Mr. Claude Flynn Howell, of Holly Springs, N. C., were married in the Suffolk Presbyterian Church at 7:15 o'clock this evening by Rev. Richard Lee Walton, its pastor. The music was by William Wall Whiddit, who was choir director of the Jamestown Exposition. The decorations were in white and green. There were wreaths and festoons of wild Florida smilax, white carnations, ferns, palms and potted plants. The following were attendants: Mrs. Jack Camp, of Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. E. R. Hart, of Suffolk, sisters of the bride, matrons of honor; Miss Daisy Nurney and Miss Mildred Nurney, also sisters maids of honor: Miss Elizabeth Meredith Busby, of Portsmouth, and Miss Theresa Nurney, cousins of the bride, bridesmaids; John P. Lee, M. A. Cross, A. H. Hargrave, Cliff Jones, A. T. Riddick, Harry Nurney and John Harrison Mitchell, ushers. Concluding a Northern honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Howell will be at home after February 20th at the Carolina, Wilmington, N. C.

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Martinsville, Va., February 5.—An event of more than ordinary interest was the marriage on the 28th of Miss Lucy Frances Anderson, of Martinsville, Va., to Mr. Daniel McCrummin McIntosh, of Wilmington, N. C. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. C. Anderson on Broad street, at 7 P. M., in the presence of the immediate family and a few near relatives, Miss Tina Fountaine, a niece of the bride, was maid of honor. The bride entered with her brother, Mr. L. W. Anderson, of Rocky Mount, Va., who gave her away, and was met by the groom with his best man, Mr. John Redd Smith, of Martinsville, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, N. C., the bride's brother, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. P. McCorkle, pastor of the Anderson Memorial Church. The bride was most becomingly attired in a dark blue tailored traveling suit, with ecru net waist, and a velvet hat of Alice blue. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and as-

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A President's Daughter.

When President Grant's only daughter, Nellie, afterward Mrs. Sartoris, was a miss of twelve years, she attended a private school in Washington. One afternoon, says the author of "The Olivia Letters," Nellie's lessons were not learned. The carriage came for her, but the teacher dismissed it with the request that it should return at the end of a half hour. The half hour came and glided away with the lesson still unlearned. The carriage came again and was dismissed. At the end of the second half hour the lesson was committed, and Miss Nellie was permitted to go. The next day at the usual hour the young lady arrived, accompanied by her mother. The teacher began to fear she had lost her most cherished pupil, but Mrs. Grant came to thank her for performing her duty.

"Teach her," said Mrs. Grant, "that she is only plain, simple Nellie Grant, subject to the same rules which govern all the scholars. This course will have my sincere approbation."

Reached the Limit.

A Providence girl, who has been married about six months, had wedding cards a short time ago from an old school friend who had given her a wedding present, which, of course, demanded one in return. Among her wedding presents the Providence girl had duplicates in the shape of two silver card trays, and in a spirit of economy she decided to give one of these to her friend. It was marked with her own initials, but it would be only a matter of a few minutes to have them removed and the proper monogram cut. She took it to the jeweler and explained what was to be done. He picked up the tray, looked at it closely and smiled.

"Madam," said he, "it will be impossible. I have already changed the initials on this same tray five times, and it has worn so thin that I cannot do it again without cutting through the bottom."—Providence Journal.

His Fears Realized.

For years the old country couple had looked forward to spending a holiday in London, and one day they found themselves in the very busiest part of the city. Together they stood watching the traffic, to which there seemed no end. They did not know how to cross the street.

"Whatever you do, Liza, don't git separated from me," said the old man to his wife, "and, whatever you do, don't cross the road without me."

Then a kindly constable came along and, seeing the old woman hesitating, took her by the arm and commenced to pilot her to the opposite side.

"Dang my buttons," cried out the old man in alarm, "I allus told 'er that some one wud take a fancy to 'er, but I didn't think any one 'ud 'ave the imperance to take 'er afore my very eyes!"—London Tit-Bits.

Had a Slow but Sure Gait.

There have been numerous disappointments in the outcome of some of the boys. We remember one boy in particular who was the butt of all ridicule from the boys of his age, and he took it good naturedly. He seemed to have no particular friends and herded by himself. His clothes always looked funny, and he had that awkward swagger over which the rest of us had much sport. No one ever thought that that plug would ever get anywhere or have anything. But today that plug is drawing a better salary than any two of the old gang. He has more money, more influence and more friends than any of the rest of us. The plug had a gait that was slow, but it was sure. He didn't appear to be a bit bright then, but he had a surface that took on a polish.—Westphalia (Mo.) Times.

The Result of a Blunder.

[Original.]

Roger Shook was a self made man who in his youth received no educational advantages. He made a fortune and had but one child, a daughter, to inherit it. This daughter, Amelia, he sent to school and to college. She developed literary tastes, but of this her father knew nothing, for he had no knowledge whatever of literature. When he heard his daughter speak of "The Light of Asia" he supposed she referred to the illuminating substance used in that part of the globe. On hearing her say that she had spent the morning with "Dombey and Son" he told her to have the bill sent in at once, since he was closing up all outstanding accounts. "Very Hard Cash" he supposed meant a specie basis.

So frequent were these blunders that Amelia dreaded to speak of anything beyond her father's ken, for he was liable to mortify her by blurting them out in the presence of educated people. Indeed, the old man was rather fond of taking the lead in conversation, and the less he knew about a subject the more anxious he was to prove his familiarity with it. There was but one subject on which he was reticent—the affairs of Shook & Co.

Mr. Shook, not having a son to whom to leave his business, had brought up a young man from office boy to succeed him in its management. This man, Thomas Jones, he desired should marry his daughter. Jones was a fine business man and a fine fellow, and Amelia liked him very well, though she didn't care to communicate the fact to her father or to Mr. Jones. Jones was even more anxious for the match than his employer. He was not insensible to its advantages and was desperately in love with the girl. But, while he did not fear to tackle any man on a business proposition, he had no courage whatever in telling a woman that he loved her. The consequence was that the match hung fire. Jones meanwhile dreaded lest the old man would take a hand to bring it about and spoil it all.

One afternoon Mr. Shook went home from the office to find his family gadding. Some one was ringing on the telephone. He took down the receiver.

"Is Miss Shook in?" called the soft voice of a woman.

"No. Any message for her?"

"Tell her 'Adam Bede' has just come in."

"Adam who?"

"Bede. B-e-d-e."

There was an aside in the dialogue that was unexpressed by Mr. Shook.

"Well, I'll be jinged! I never thought that of Amelia. I didn't believe she'd meet any one in an underhanded way."

The phone was not working very well. There were some incoherent words, ending with "'Nicholas Nicolby' next week."

"Great heavens!" muttered the father to himself. "Is she playing two of 'em?"

"Any more?" he asked, dissembling.

"'Tristam Shandy' will"— What followed was not to be distinguished.

"Please repeat the name."

"'Tristam Shandy' [unintelligible words] 'Sterne.'"

"What Sterne?"

"Laurence."

"Just so. Now, will you listen to me?"

"Yes. What is it?"

"You have Thomas Jones there tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, punctooal, and don't you forgit it."

"'Tom Jones,' by Smollett?"

"Tom Jones by his father—Thomas J. Jones, managing man of Shook & Co."

"Who's talking?"

"I'm Miss Shook's father."

There was a brief pause, then, "All right, Mr. Shook; I'll do as you say."

A faint giggle accompanied the click that marked the hanging up of the receiver, but Mr. Shook was too much in earnest to notice it.

The next afternoon at 3 o'clock there was a telephone ring. Miss Shook responded.

"Mr. Jones is here."

"Where?"

"At the library."

Amelia was astonished. She was about to ask for an explanation when it occurred to her that the least said the soonest mended. She didn't care to let the librarian into any affair that had gone wrong. Her father was liable to interfere between her and Mr. Jones at any time. She would go and get the explanation from Mr. Jones herself.

"All right; I'll be over in a few minutes."

She found Mr. Jones pacing to and fro nervously. She led him into an alcove.

"Well," she said, "what can I do for you?"

"What can I do for you? The librarian sent me a line saying you would like to see me here at 3 o'clock."

There was a conference, during which Miss Shook went to the librarian and learned that the message had come from her father. Indeed, she drew forth the whole dialogue.

"Singular," she muttered, "that my name should be Amelia and his Tom Jones." Then she asked for a copy of Smallett's novel, "Tom Jones." The librarian gave it to her, and she gave it to Mr. Jones. He took it home and read a love story of which the hero was Tom Jones and the heroine Amelia. It gave him courage to make a proposal for the real Amelia's hand. The old man, instead of spoiling it, had brought it about. When long after the marriage he was told of what he had done he merely remarked, "I thought them fellers had mighty queer names." F. A. MITCHEL.

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C. W. POLVOGT

COMPANY'S

MONDAY, FEB. 3, to SAT., FEB. 15th.

¶The event announced herewith is expected and awaited with keen interest by hundreds of ladies in Wilmington. ¶White goods and ladies' muslin underwear, probably the greatest quantity ever assembled at one time by any one store in Wilmington.

Ladies' Muslin Underw'r

These are finer undermuslins than ever before—our Sale is always well patronized on account of price and quality. See the display throughout the store.

We have 50 dozen Ladies' Cambric Drawers, tucked ruffle, worth 39c, White Sale price.....25c

11c Children's tucked Drawers, 2 to 12 years sizes, worth 15c, White Sale, pair.....11c

50c Ladies' 75c and 85c Drawers, lace and embroidery trimmed, White Sale.....50c

89c will buy one of our Gowns worth $1.00 and $1.15, tucked yoke, lace and embroidery trimmed.

98c for a nice long cloth or Cambric gown, $1.25 to $1.50 value. Special display.

$1.39 for one of the best values ever shown in gowns, $1.75 to $2.00 values.

50c Corset Covers, the assortment has some 65c and 75c values among them.

$2.50 and $3.00 Ladies' Gowns very fine material and neatly trimmed, White Sale.....$1.75

The entire Muslin Underwear Department will be decorated with bargains.

$5.00 Lace Waists. White Sale, special.....$4.00

Other lace Waists at reduced prices.

TABLE LINENS.

These will also figure a prominent part in our White Sale.

$1.00 Mercerized Napkins, full size, White Sale.....79c

$1.25 Better Mercerized Napkins full size, White Sale.....$1.10

$2.00 All Linen Napkins, White Sale, per doz.....$1.69

$3.00 All Linen large Napkins, extra quality, White Sale.....$2.25

72-inch Bleach Table Damask, Special White Sale.....50c

72-inch Bleach Table Damask, sold for 75c, White Sale.....60c

All Linen 72-inch wide Bleached Table Damask, worth $1.00 per yard, White Sale.....85c

$1.25 quality, fine bleached Table Damask, price per yard for White Sale.....$1.00

RED SOUTHERN TRADING STAMPS

With every ten cent purchase for cash we give free a stamp.

We are the only dry goods store giving away these stamps.

WHITE GOODS

The largest assortment ever shown under any retail roof in Wilmington. Carefully note prices below.

45-inch Sheer French Lawn, 25c value, White Sale price.....16c

45-inch Fine French Lawns, 30c quality, White Sale price.....24c

15c fine quality of white Persian Lawn, 34 inches wide. White Sale price.....12c

20 cent Sheer Persian Lawns, White Sale price.....16c

35 cent Fine and Sheer Persian Lawn, White Sale price.....25c

15 cent White India Linen, White Sale price.....12c

40-inch White Lawn, White Sale price, special.....11c

40-inch Sheer White Lawn, a regular 25c value, White Sale price.....17c

50 cent Linen Lawns, Sheer quality, White Sale.....39c

36-inch Costume Linen, White Sale price.....25c

Costume Linens all reduced, 35c quality 25c; 50c quality 40c; 60c quality 50c.

$1.50 Long Cloth $1.30; $1.75 Long Cloth $1.45; $2.50 Long Cloth $2.15.

36-inch English Nainsook, sold by the yard, a regular 18c value, White Sale, per yard.....13c

12 yards of English Nainsook, worth $1.75, White Sale.....$1.45

36-inch Lonsdale Cambric, White Sale price.....10c

15c Bleached Sheeting, special White Sale.....11c

15c Linen Finish Capitol Cloth, White Sale, special.....11c

30c White Flannel, Special White Sale.....22c

WHITE SPREADS.

$1.00 White Spreads, White Sale price.....85c

$1.25 White Spreads, White Sale price.....$1.10

$1.50 White Spreads, White Sale price.....$1.25

$2.00 White Spreads, White Sale price.....$1.50

15c Linen Huck Towel. White Sale price.....12c

35c Extra quality Linen Huck Towel, White Sale price.....25c

12 1-2c Linen Toweling, White Sale price.....9c

35c very large Turkish Bleached Towel, White Sale.....25c

25c very large Turkish Towel, White Sale price.....20c

15c Bleached Turkish Towel, White Sale price.....10c

Laces and Embroideries

The largest assortment ever shown in Wilmington will now be found at our store.

10c, one lot of fine Cambric edgings and insertings on display, worth 15c to 18c.

15c. Another lot of wide and medium width of Embroidery, worth 20c to 25c.

25c A third lot of very fine Swiss and Nainsook Embroidery, worth 40c to 50c.

10c One lot of 200 pieces of Cluny Lace and Inserting. Among the lot are some 25c values. All go at.....10c

50c for 12 yards of Val Lace, edge or inserting, value as high as $1.25 per doz. among the assortment.

50c per yard for one lot of Swiss all over Embroideries, 75c to 85c values in the lot.

Our new spring Embroideries in match sets, wide and narrow, Swiss and Nainsooks, are now ready for your inspection.

25c and 35c Taffeta and Fancy Ribbons will be sold during the White Sale at.....19c

Pongee Silks, in plain and Satin Stripes, very popular this Spring, White Sale.....50c

Children's Nazareth Waists.

These are very popular Waists and a comfort to both mothers and children.

100 dozen Knitted Underwaists White Sale price.....10c

60 dozen White Nazareth waists White Sale price.....22c

H. & W. Cambric Underwaists. These are cheaper than making them, White Sale price.....25c

One lot of 200 Corsets of W. B., R. & G. and American Beauty Corsets, worth $1.00 to $1.75, to close out, each.....59c

MILLINERY SALE.

All winter Flowers, All fancy Feathers at half price.

Trimmed Millinery at cost.

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THE WAYCROSS SHOPS

Staff Correspondent of Manufacturers' Record Writes Interestingly of Big Coast Line Plant in Georgia Town.

Mr. George Byrne, a staff correspondent of the Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, contributes in a recent issue of his paper a most interesting sketch of the great shops of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company at Waycross, Ga. The sketch wil be read with interest here and is as follows:

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway shops, now about completed here, will furnish employment to a large number of men, thus adding greatly to the Waycross payroll. I was recently shown through the entire plant, and was much impressed by its seeming perfection of ground plan, construction and equipment.

Beginning at the main entrance to the yards we first encountered great coal receptables, made of concrete and piled high with hundreds of tons of fuel. Next came the roundhouse, built with open sides with 12 stalls, two of which have driving-wheel drop pits, and with a truck drop pit just outside. The stalls are reached by tracks radiating from a 75-foot motor-driven turntable.

Next the roundhouse is the oilhouse, a building 30x75 feet in size, one end being for the proper reception and handling of oils and the other arranged for the office of the roundhouse foreman.

The storehouse is a structure of 80x203 feet, with concrete floors and fireproof division walls for the safekeeping of such articles as it will be necessary to keep in stock. One end of the building is two stories in height and fitted up for the general shop offices.

The pattern shop is in a building 41x102 feet, and contains all the machinery and tools, saws, planers, etc., used in making patterns and models for the various things to be manufactured about the plant. The machinery is all driven by electric motors. Part of the building will be devoted to the storing of patterns, of which there is always a large accumulation about such shops.

The foundry building is 82x162 feet, and has a cupola, with its forced-draft fanroom, core ovens, rumbler, Yeakley hammer, double-end grindstones and all the other appurtenances of a first-class railway foundry. The charging floor to the cupola is connected with an outside hydraulic elevator.

The general machine shop and the erecting shop occupy together a building 170x312 feet. In the machine part are found the various hammers, planers, drill and punching machines and other machinery and tools belonging to the railway machine shop and used in machine building. The machinery is driven by electric motors, most of them individual, though there are some group motors working from walls and posts. A 7 1-2 ton traveling crane serves this side of the building The erecting shop has 15 pits, and is served by a 10-ton and a 100-ton traveling crane. Standard gauge tracks run through the building, with a 12-foot turntable between the two parts. The general tool department is located about the center of the building. In this building is located also the department for overhauling airbrake apparatus.

From the erecting shop a locomotive transfer table the entire length of the building, 312 feet, reaches to the blacksmith shop, which occupies a building 70x312 feet. This shop has two great steam hammers, one of 2,500 and the other of 1,500 pounds weight. It has the usual forges, oil furnaces, etc., belonging to establishments of its character.

The coach shop is 100x312 feet, and is divided into compartments for cabinet shop and tin shop, as well as the main compartment for overhauling coaches. The cabinet shop is fitted up with all kinds of woodworking machinery, motor-driven. The general repair department has 14 tracks, so that 14 coaches may be worked on at the same time. The divisions between compartments are fireproof, and the openings provided with automatic fire-proof doors.

A coach transfer table extends from the coach shop to the paint shop, which is in a building 160x312 feet and has 14 tracks also. This building is divided into main paint shop and shops for brass work and other classes of work belonging to the repair and refitting of coaches. Fire walls and automatic fire doors divide these compartments from one another. The building is piped for steam heating, so that it may be kept at the same temperature at all times, thus drying the paint evenly and smoothly.

The central power house is a building 50x135 feet, with cement floors and concrete foundations for the machinery. The equipment of the boiler room consists of three Heinze water-tube boilers, to which coal is delivered from a track running in from the coal pits. In the engine-room are two 300-kilowatt 440-volt generators, driven by Parsons direct-connecting steam turbines. The generators, which are 60-cycle, 3,600-revolution machines, are started by a Westinghouse steam-driven exciter. Two 100-kilowatt 250-volt rotary converters are used for the direct current.

In another compartment of the building are the fire and service pumps, the former having a capacity of 1,000 gallons a minute. A Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon cross-compound air condenser is also installed here. Outside are two 50,000-gallon tanks for emergency use, kept always full of water.

The planing mill is in a building 72 x186 feet, and is thoroughly equipped with the most modern electric-driven machinery. In connection it has dry-kilns, cooling-room and dry-lumber sheds, all reached by standard gauge tracks. In the mill the machines are all connected with an exhaust system that sucks up the shavings and delivers them to the boiler room to be used for firing.

The freight car repair shed is 360 feet in length, and has four tracks in addition to its supply track. The scrap bin is 28x200 feet, and holds many tons of old metal ready for new use.

The building and all parts of the grounds are connected by standard gauge tracks with 12-foot turntable at frequent intervals. The electric system used is the Westinghouse, and the wires are carried from the power house to the various buildings where wanted in underground conduits. Many of the machines are driven by individual motors, group motors being used only for those requiring lighter service.

The buildings are all of brick, with steel trusses, the roofs being for the most part Ludowici tile, with glass pieces let in at intervals for lighting purposes. Upon some of the larger buildings, where flat roofs are necessary, asphalt has been used. The buildings are fitted up with lockers lavatories and closets for the men, furnishing all the comforts and conveniences possible in structures of the kind.

The whole plan of yards and shops was designed by R. E. Smith, general superintendent of motive power of the Coast Line, and the buildings were erected and the steel furnished by the Penn Bridge Co., of Beaver Falls, Pa.

These shops and the money that must be paid out for carrying on the work for which they are intended mean a great deal to this hustling growing city, as well as to the railroad company which has built them.

By Rail and Water

E. T. Lamb, superintendent of the Norfolk division and general agent for the Southern railway, qualified Wednesday as a receiver for the Jamestown Exposition Company. Mr. Lamb will co-operate with Receivers Martin and Geddes in the administration of the affairs of the company and he will remain with the Southern railway. He gave bond in $50,000, with Thomas H. Willcox of Norfolk and James I. Pritchett, of Danville, sureties.

Two hundred and fifty employes in the machine and blacksmith shops of the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive works, were laid off Tuesday, the company explaining that this step was found necessary because railroads are unable to borrow money for the purchase of engines. The blacksmith shops were closed Wednesday night. The night force in the machine shops will be dismissed, and the limited orders will be filled by the smaller number of employes who are to be retained.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 8.—Work on the Southern's freight yards at Spencer has picked up, necessitating the putting on of one of the shifting engines and crews which was recently cut off. The opinion prevails here that now that the rate question has been settled the large force of men which heve been laid off at Spencer for several months will be gradually put back to work and that business which has suffered greatly in Salisbury and Spencer on account of adverse railroad legislation will soon become normal again.

For the month of December the net earnings of the Norfolk & Western showed a decrease of $255,600.66 over the corresponding month of the preceding year, the report being issued by Comptroller Coxe yesterday. From July 1st to December 31st the increase in net earnings over the corresponding period of the year previous was $285,939.85. In December there was a 2 per cent. decrease in the passenger revenue, a 10 per cent. decrease in freight revenue, and a 4 per cent increase in operating expenses, the decrease in net earnings representing 30 per cent.

Lying at the bottom of the ocean in the vicinity of Cape Hatteras is the schooner Helen E. Taft, a splendid vessel, which was run into and sunk recently by the Swedish steamer Uplands. Incoming vessels report that the masts of the schooner can just be seen out of the surface of the water, and she is an extremely dangerous wreck. In the Taft was represented $30,000, that being the value of the vessel. Her managing owner was Captain J. B. Crocker, of Franklin, Mass. The Taft is said to be beyond salving and will probably have to be removed by one of the United States gunboats engaged in blowing up wrecks.

President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake & Ohio, was in Richmond Wednesday and gave the Times-Dispatch an interesting interview in regard to the railroad situation in general. He says though his company, like the others, had found it necessary to reduce forces wherever possible, because of the lack of traffic, the question of cutting salaries has not been officially considered as yet. "Railroad men do not like to be driven to that extreme," he said, "but when the freight and passenger traffic has decreased so largely, we must adopt the policy of retrenchment and relief. That means, of course, that we must get along with smaller working forces." The Dispatch, continuing, says:

All work apart from that of moving trains and handling traffic, has been suspended by the Chesapeake & Ohio, more than 200 men engaged in double-tracking between Richmond and Newport News having been dropped Tuesday. They came to the city for their money, and went away to seek other employment. The general office force here has been reduced 10 per cent., this order applying generally along the system where the business could be conducted with fewer men. President Stevens found a report on his desk while in Richmond, showing that, as a result of rate reduction, the passenger receipts on one day last week were $1 100 less than for the corresponding day last year. This would average a loss of about $50,000 a month. According to a report of the committee on car efficiency of the American Railway Association received at the general offices of the Chesapeake & Ohio, the car shortage on 161 railroads, on October 30th was 86,811. The car surplus on 153 roads on January 22d was 338,315, or a difference of 425,126. At present there are 8,000 idle locomotives, these with the idle cars, representing $400,000,000 of idle capital.

A Martyr to Form

[Original.]

For any one to mention to me a conventional form—to say "this is the proper thing to do," or "that isn't the proper thing to do"—is like shaking a red rag before a mad bull, and I'll tell you why.

I was brought up in an eastern city, in the "best circles," which meant that I was carefully trained as to the "proper thing." I was used to two different ways of turning casual acquaintances with young ladies into calling acquaintances. The first was for the young man to wait for an invitation to call from the young lady or some member of her family, the other to secure the good offices of a mutual friend, who would give the introduction.

When I was twenty I removed to a western city, where I went into business and made the place my home. I found it very different in a social way from being on my own "stamping ground" at home. I had never had occasion to push myself socially and to do so would have been repulsive to me. Nevertheless I gradually made acquaintances, in all cases receiving the invitations without solicitation on my part. As I grew toward that age wherein a man tires of society and longs for a home I gradually dropped out of the gay world. I desired to meet some attractive girl who would consent to marry me.

One day I received an invitation from an intimate friend of mine—a Mrs. Wood—to dinner. The only other guest present was Miss Julia Rivard, a young lady whom I at once pronounced very attractive—just the person, I thought, judging from appearances, that I would like to make a nest with. She was very pretty, very ladylike and had been well educated. She was but nineteen years old and not self assertive, but this only rendered her the more attractive to me. I passed a delightful evening in her company and went home to dream of her.

In due time I called upon Mrs. Wood and told her that I was much pleased with her friend. This I considered quite enough to warrant her offering to be a medium in securing me a calling acquaintance on Miss Wood. She made no offer to do so. I met the young lady at social entertainments and paid her much attention, hoping and expecting an invitation to call upon her. No invitation came. I was, to use a word that best expresses it, miffed. I gradually ceased my attentions, and Miss Rivard treated me with less warmth. By spring there was a positive coolness between us.

I met Miss Rivard occasionally for a number of years. Meanwhile I picked up new friends and dropped some of my old ones. There was no young lady that I cared to marry except Miss Rivard, and since she did not care enough for me to ask me to her house I remained a bachelor.

Seven years after I had met Julia Rivard a sister of mine came from the east to visit me. At an evening party I introduced my friend Jack Milburn to her. While riding home I said to her: "I hope you asked Milburn to call. Of course I'll bring him, but a fellow likes to have a girl ask him."

"My dear boy, I never ask men to call upon me."

"Why not?" I asked, surprised.

"Because it isn't the proper thing to do."

"What is the proper thing?"

"If the gentleman wishes to know the girl it is his privilege to ask permission to call upon her."

"I never did such a thing in my life. We never did it at home."

"I believe things were different in such cases when you were at home. The custom has changed."

This was a revelation to me. For years I had been priding myself on not trespassing upon other people's homes till invited. I had caused an estrangement between myself and the girl I wished to marry, and all because a conventional form had changed and I did not know it.

I told my sister of my mistake and asked her what I could do in the matter. She told me that she would think it over and let me know if she thought of any way to untie the knot. I waited some time for her reply, but none came. Then one morning I received a note from Miss Rivard:

Your sister tells me that you have been waiting seven years for me to ask you to come to see me. I meantime have been waiting seven years for you to ask for an invitation to call upon me, since I supposed that to be the conventional form in such cases. Indeed, I never was taught any other. I hope you will come soon and often to make up for lost time.

I lost no time in making the call and when I did so displayed such grief at having through a bit of conventional stubbornness lost seven years of the lady's society that it was equivalent to a lot of lovemaking. My courtship lasted seven days, or one day for each year of our estrangement; then I proposed and was accepted.

I learned soon afterward that I was in the nick of time—that Julia Rivard was on the point of accepting a man who had had the impudence to call upon her without even having asked permission. He had given as a reason that he feared he might be refused. I also learned that I had been invited by Mrs. Wood to meet Miss Rivard with the intention of making a match.

While I train my boys and girls to keep track of conventional forms as well as they can, I also teach them to pay as little attention to etiquette as is safe. Forms were made as a protection from boors. Genteel people can afford to dispense with them.

RUSSELL THORNE.

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In Society

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paragus ferns. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Rev. R. C. Anderson, for forty-seven years the beloved pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and his wife, Mrs. J. C. Anderson, and a sister of Messrs. Samuel A. and James L. Anderson, of Richmond. An elegant dinner, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williamson, the latter a sister of the bride, preceded the ceremony, after which the bride's cake was cut. The table was beautiful in its appointments. Out-of-town guests were: Miss Lucy McIntosh, of the Presbyterian College of North Carolina; Mr. L. W. Anderson, of Rocky Mount, Va., and Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson, of Gastonia, N. C.

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Rev. Alexander Seabrease will leave during the coming week for St. Augustine, Fla., where he will visit friends.

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Friends in this city will be interested to learn that the Misses Reiger are visiting at Fort Caswell, and are guests of Major and Mrs. Schumm.

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Mrs. M. B. Beaman, of Albany, Ga., is in the city a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. J. Merriman, No. 5 Church street.

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After an absence of several months spent in Florida, Mrs. John Wilder Atkinson, and Miss, Janie Strange have returned to their home, where they are being cordially welcomed by their friends.

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Mrs. George L. Morton and infant son, who have been visiting friends in Louisville, Ky., are now at the home of her parents in Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. Morton expects to return to her home very shortly, where she will be warmly welcomed by her many friends.

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A "Spider Web" party for children will be given by St. Cecelia Guild on Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at St. James' Parish House. Refreshments will be served and souvenirs will be given the children free of charge. All friends are most cordially invited.

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The many friends of Miss Alice Borden are glad to learn that she has returned to her home, after an absence of several weeks, spent in Atlanta, Ga. where she went to attend the marriage of Miss Mabel Powers to Mr. John Fiske Glenn. After leaving Atlanta, Miss Borden visited her sister, Mrs. Archie Cannon, in Concord, N. C.

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Miss Marguerite Walker was the hostess of a tea given on Friday afternoon, complimentary to Miss Virginia Bailey and her guest, Miss Sena Critz, of Winston-Salem; also to Miss May Ella Moore and Miss Whitaker, of Winston-Salem. Quite a number of her friends were present, and a most delightful afternoon was spent by all of those who partook of Miss Walker's hospitality.

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The address of Hon. Charles A. Barnes, Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, was the occasion for a large social, as well as a Pythian gathering. The address was made on Friday last, at the Academy, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was the source of a great deal of pleasure to all who were present to hear it. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Meares, on Market street, where they will spend several days.

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Friday's Baltimore Sun says in its suburban notes and personals: "Miss Ida L. Mason, daughter of Mr. Randolph Mason, of Friendship avenue, Waverly, was married Wednesday night to Mr. Daniel R. Dixon, of Rocky Mount, N. C. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by Rev. Wiliam J. Nicoll, of Govanstown. Miss Mason was attired in a traveling costume. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dixon left for a trip to Washington and the South. They will live at Rocky Mount."

A delightful and informal afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Quince Moore on Thusday last, complimentary to Miss May Ella Moore and her guest, Miss Grace Whitaker, of Winston-Salem. Those who were invited were: Misses May Ella Moore, Grace Whitaker, Virginia Bailey, Sena Critz, Jennie Murchison, Fannie Murchison, Ida Evans, Florence Kidder, Helen Strange, Theo. Cantwell, Atha Hicks, Agnes McQueen, Alice LeGrand, Marguerite Walker, Isabel Smallbones, Alice Wright, Jane Iredell Green, Nannie Holladay, Mary Payne, Louise Beery, Julia Worth, Nannie Watters, Jennie Hardin, Isabel Williams, and Miss Hall, who is the guest of Miss Louise Beery.

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The tenth cruise of C. C. Clark's personally conducted trips to the Orient started Thursday morning of this week when the White Star Line steamship Arabic steamed away from Pier 48, North River, New York. The ship carried 644 passengers, Mr. and Mrs. William Latimer, of Wilmington, being of the party. Baltimore, Washington, Williamsport, Md., and a number of other cities in the South were well represented on the passenger list. The tour will occupy 70 days and the itinerary includes Funchel Madeira, Cadiz and Seville, Spain, where most of three days will be spent; Gibraltar, Algeirs, Athens, Constantinople, the Holy Land, where 19 days will be passed, and Alexandria. The return will be made by way of Naples, Rome, Pompeii, Monte Carlo and Liverpool, reaching New York on April 17th.

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The fine work being done in Wilmington by the visiting nurse, Miss K. Olivia Smith, ought to be of interest to the community at large. This lady during the past year has aided many families by her advice, visits and trained nursing. In December last the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters assumed the responsibility of guaranteeing the salary of the visiting nurse for the current year, feeling that they would be greatly aided by many generous subscriptions. An appeal for contributions was made to all those who had formerly given to this charity and while the responses from these friends were very gratifying, there is still need for further contributions. It is the hope of the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters that the public will aid them in the work being done by the visiting nurse which is of farreaching benefit to the sick and needy of our City. It is requested that all contributions be sent to Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger, treasurer of the Mnistering Circle of the King's Daughters. With the hope of interesting everyone in the visiting nurse's work, her monthly report will be printed in the daily papers. Below is a report for the month ending Jan. 31st, 1908: Recorded visits, 81; unrecorded visits, 51; new calls 13; new patients 8; discharged patients, 7; soup sent to 27 persons; one person sent to the hospital; doctor's services obtained for one person; 112 homes visited.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Spirit." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor: 5th Sunday after Epiphany, German service 11 A. M. English Vesper service 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Wednesday night service and Bible study at 8:15 P. M. Annual congregational meeting Tuesday, 8:15 P. M. All services at present held in the Memorial Building, Sixth and Princess streets. A cordial invitation to all.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M., Morning prayer and sermon. Sunday School at 4 P. M. 5 P. M. Evening prayer, short address. W. E. Cox, Rector. Strangers cordially invited.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street. The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for morning, "The Model Church Individually." Subject for evening, "The Atonement and the Three Salvations." Willing Workers' weekly meeting wil be Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Sunday School on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, W. J. Reaves, superintendent, H. G. Saunders, secretary. Prayer meeting at the church Tuesday Night at 7:30. Cottage prayer meeting Friday night at the home of J. T. Smith, 612 South Third street. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to all these meetings. The choir is rendering excellent music.

Trinity M. E. Church South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor; Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.; M. F. Allen, Superintendent. All are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Services today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Morning service 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3:30 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor. Services today at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching by pastor. Sunday School at 3:00 P. M.; Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

At St. James' Church today, the services will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3:45 P. M. All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church: North Fourth street, Rev. George S. Bearden, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning sermon subject, "Sin, Its Prevalence, Cause and Cure." Evening subject, "The Benefaction of Prayer." Sunday School at 10 A. M. Young People's Society on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited.

Church of Christ, corner of Seventh and Orange streets: Services today will be as follows: Bible School at 10 o'clock and preaching and communion at 11 o'clock. Endeavorer Society at 6.45 and preaching services at 7:30 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 and teachers' training class immediately after prayer meeting. The services today will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. L. Davis. You are invited to attend any and all of the services.

Rev. Miles C. Walton, who is detained in the city on account of the illness of his wife, will preach for Pastor Martin at Southside Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M. today. Mr. Walton is an able preacher and no doubt his many friends in the city will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Fred D. Hale, pastor: Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. Frank C. Brown, D. D. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Monthly conference Monday at 8 P. M. Prayer and praise worship Wednesday at 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday at 8 P. M.

—Duplin Journal: "Hon. J. Y. Joyner will speak at Bear Marsh Baptist church, seven miles east of Faison, in Duplin county, on Friday, February 14, at 11 o'clock on Education. On Saturday, February 15th, Mr. Joyner will speak at the Court House in Kenansville to the white teachers of the County, especially, and all others present. Everybody go out to hear this splendid educator at these appointments."

The Beach.

Cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. Oyster roasts at Lumina. **

Brunswick County Loses One of Its Oldest and Most Esteemed Citizens in the Death of G. H. Cannon.

(Communicated.)

Friends in this city and elsewhere were shocked at the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. George H. Cannon, which occurred at his home at Town Creek, N. C., Sunday morning, February 2nd at the hour of 1:40. Mr. Cannon had been in ill health for some time, but not at any time was his condition considered at all serious, and his death came quite unexpectedly and was a sad blow to the family and community. He was confined to his bed only about ten days, La Grippe being the malady which took so soon from the happy home the father and husband. His illness was not thought of as being serious until the day before he died, when his sufferings became so intense that it was seen there was scarcely any hope of his recovery, and as he grew worse Saturday evening friends and loved ones assembled at his bedside to await the worst, which came at the time stated. He was unconscious and unable to articulate for some time before his death, and therefore had no parting words for his loved ones as he passed quietly out of this life into the great beyond. He was always a loving father and kind husband, and the bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of the people at large. The funeral was conducted from Zion M. E. Church Monday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor Rev. Mr. Rogers, after which the casket laden with floral tributes from his many friends, and an especially beautiful floral cross given by Zion Sunday School in reverence to their loved superintendent, who had served them faithfully so long, and which testified it it's self the love and esteem in which they held him; their leader, was tenderly borne to it's last resting place in the family cemetery by the pall-bearers, who were Messrs. E. C. Woodbury, Sr., L. L. Dempsey, E. C. Woodbury, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., and Messrs. E. V. Evans, W. S. McKeithan, T. W. Henry, of Town Creek, N. C., all close personal friends of Mr. Cannon.

Mr. Cannon had reached the ripe old age of 61 years, and leaves to mourn his loss his wife, four daughters, Misses Susie and Jennie, Mabel and Lizzie Frank Cannon, and two sons, Messrs. George H., Jr., and H. W. Cannon. He was born at the old Cannon homestead near Florence, S. C., and was a grandson of Henry Cannon, one of the first settlers of Black Creek, who was an active Whig during the Revolutionary war and was prominently connected with the early history of Darlington, S. C., being one of the first judges after the county was established in 1785. Henry Cannon was a member of the General Assembly (from St. David) when the seat of the government was moved from Charleston to Columbia in 1790, and was a son of Colonel Wm. Henry Cannon who was a veteran of the Seminole Indian war, and prominent in public affairs. At an early age Mr. Cannon came to Town Creek soon after which time he was happily married to Miss Jennie Walker, daughter of William H. Walker who was a gallant soldier in the Civil war, and sister of Ex-Sheriff D. R. Walker, of Brunswick, and lived happily until his death.

We will leave to others more capable to tell of his long career as a citizen and business man, and his devotion to his people, his church, his God, and his deeds of charity and philanthropic endeavor. His many friends will feel the deepest regret without the familiar figure of Mr. Cannon going to and fro with his happy greeting for every one. His genial smile, his strong handshake, and hearty welcome to all speak plainly of his love and feeling for his fellow citizen, and the community loses in him one who has always devoted his time and interests to the welfare of the people, being at one time the representative of the people in the State Senate at Raleigh from the district composed of Brunswick and New Hanover counties, and always connected prominently with public and political affairs in Brunswick county. He was an ardent church worker, and exemplified his Christianity by showing his undoubted and everlasting faith in his maker, was always kind and cheerful, ever doing something to promote the comfort and benefit of those around him.

In the death of Mr. Cannon the community at large as well as the immediate family looses one whose place will never be filled, and as he has fought life's battles successfully to a close and gone home to receive the reward which awaits him at the great white throne, we think of the words of the Psalmist—"O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory." For God giveth and he taketh way, and while our tears flow from a heart bursting with grief it is sweet to think that we may so live that when the angel of God sounds the trump when time shall be no more, that we may all be happily united never to part again: and

While following in his footsteps on this earth we wait,
We shall see his face again when we reach the pearly gates
There to be re-united in heavenly love that reigns forever and ever above.

$2.50 Hats, Spring styles, this sale $1.98 at Fuch's. *1

After Once Tasting

Vinol

no one wants an old-fashioned cod liver oil preparation or emulsion, because Vinol is a much better body-builder and strength creator for old people, weak children, and for coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc. If it does no good we will return your money.

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SPRING IS HERE

When you look at it from the shopping standpoint. Instead of advertising $40,000, $50,000 or $75,000 worth of 1907 goods to dispose of, we are in a position to say to you:

$15,000 Worth of New Spring Goods Now On Display

This stock consists of new dress goods, new silks, new shirt waists, new wash and white goods, hosiery, linens and linenes.

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SALE ENDS THIS WEEK

Bargains You Can't Afford to Miss

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK:

Ladies' Lynn Crawford Shoe, the shoe for tender feet; rubber heel, cushion sole; sold everywhere at $2, our price $1.29

Ladies' Tan Oxfords, two eyelets, pump toe, a nobby shoe, Spring style, this sale $1.98

Children's Stockings, Whitleather Brand, the best wearing stocking ever bought for so little money, this sale's price . . . 7c

Shoes odd sizes, $1.50 to $2 sellers, this sale 69c

10c Handkerchiefs, reduced to 3c

Suits—Men's Suits; one lot black dress suits, unfinished worsteds, made of imported woolens, $25 suits, reduced this week to $16.98

One lot of Suits, $6 to $10 sellers, your choice this week . . . $3.98

Fruit of the Loom Bleaching, this week at per yard 9c

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Business Locals.

Lost—Lady's Gold Watch.
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Wanted—Experienced Salesmen.
C. N. Evans—English Setter Lost.
For Rent—Nicely Furnished House.
St. Cecelia Guild—Spider Web Party.
For Rent—Cottage and Turpentine Lands.
Will Rehder—Carnations for St. Valentine's.
Specialty Advertising Co.—Salesmen Wanted.
California Cider & Ex. Co.—Salesmen Wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. John D. Ramsey, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Miss Julia Hopkins, of St. Augustine, Fla., is the guest of Miss Sophia Campbell, at The Carolina.

—Mrs. R. C. Woodcock left yesterday for a visit to friends and relatives at Savannah, Ga.

—Chairman D. McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, is confined to his home with lagrippe. His condition was such yesterday that no one was allowed to see him.

—Mr. Wm. M. Wiggins, who lately went with the Southern National Bank as collection clerk, has been promoted to the position of paying teller. His friends will be delighted to know of his success in the banking business.

—Misses Susie Maguire and Mary Crump, of Richmond, Va., are the attractive guests of Miss Helen Strange at her home in this city. They will spend a week or ten days the guests of Miss Strange.

—Mr. L. J. Merriman left yesterday afternoon for Brunswick, Ga., where he will clear two large steamers which he has loading cross-ties and timber there war his Panama Canal contracts with the government. He expects to return to the city about the middle of the week.

—Friends of Capt. T. D. Meares will regret exceedingly to know that he is confined to his home with lagrippe. He was unable to take part in any of the Pythian exercises arranged in honor of his distinguished guest, Judge Charles A. Barnes, of Jacksonville, Ill., Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

BAD FIRE THREATENED.

Dunn Firemen Had Stubborn Fight—Death of Good Woman.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Feb. 8.—A small house on Wilson street was burned this morning about 2 o'clock. The house was occupied by Mr. T. F. Gerald as a harness and buggy house, adjoining his large livery stables. At one time it looked like that a whole block of the town would be swept away, but the heroic work of the firemen saved it Too much cannot be said for these noble men. Mr. Ed Gilliard, one of the firemen got a fall from the top of the house or ladder and at one time it was feared he was seriously hurt. but this morning found him ready to fight again if necessary. Dunn is justly proud of her firemen.

Mrs. Richard Thornton, near Dunn, died yesterday and was buried at Averysboro today at 2 P. M. Funeral by Rev. A. J. Parker, her pastor. She leaves a husband, two sons, three daughters and a host of grandchildren to mourn their loss. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church at Dunn. The funeral was conducted from the residence.

MR. J. C. STAGG INJURED

Air Tank to Whistle of Gasoline Launch Blew Out.

Mr. J. C. Stagg, the well known timber dealer, was painfully but not seriously wounded as the result of the explosion of an air tank to the whistle required under the new government regulations on his gasoline launch while up the river Friday afternoon. One side of the cabin was blown off and Mr. Stagg was exceedingly fortunate in escaping with only a few lacerations on his cheek the force of the explosion passing directly by his head The launch was headed for Wilmington and Mr. Stagg's injuries were dressed at the Southside by Dr. Chas. T. Harper. Under the new government regulations all gasoline launches have to be equipped with whistles for signals and these are provided by means of an air chamber. It was this which exploded on Mr. Stagg's boat. His friends hope that the injury will not disfigure him and that he will be out in a day or two.

New Insurance Quarters.

The well known fire insurance agency of Col. Walker Taylor is to be congratulated upon removal yesterday to the handsome banking rooms lately occupied by the Carolina Savings & Tust Company, in the Atlantic National Bank building, with entrance on Front street. The location is more central and the enlarged quarters will be found more satisfactory in handling the large business of this splendid agency.

Another sham ballot was taken today for United States Senator at Frankfort, Ky., and resulted: Beckham 14; Bradley 7.

Toe proof Men's Hose, this week, per box (6 pair) guaranteed, $1.25 at Fuch's. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—A meeting of the Brotherhood of Saint James will be held this afternoon in the church at 5:30 o'clock. A full attendance of members is desired

—The exhibition game of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last night resulted in a victory for Houston's team in the score of 10 to 8. The same players were engaged as on last Saturday night.

—The young men of the city have arranged for another delightful dance at Lumina during the coming week. The date is Wednesday night and the party will go dwn on special cars chartered for the purpose.

—The new rector of St. Mary's School, Rev. George W. Lay, is a guest at The Orton and will preach at St. James at 11 o'clock today. During his visit here the rector hopes to meet all the alumnae of St. Mary's.

—Rev. J. D. Stone, an independent missionary to foreign countries, who lectured with such success at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Friday night, will repeat the lecture in Salvation Army Hall on Wednesday night of this week. The lecture is illustrated and the views are pronounced excellent.

—Yesterday handsome invitations were mailed for the 52nd anniversary celebration of the Howard Relief Company which will take place Wednesday evening, Feb. 19th, at the handsome club house on Front and Orange streets. Hollowbush's Orchestra has been engaged and dancers are requested to come en masque. An elegant lunch will be served.

—By deed filed for record yesterday David W. Jamieson and wife transferred to Wm. R. Smith, for $100 and other considerations, property on east side of Eighth, 132 feet south of Meares street, 66x165 feet in size. By another deed also filed yesterday, the Carolina Real Estate Trust Company transferred to J. A. Perry, for $100 and other considerations, ten acres of land in Cape Fear township, near Castle Haynes.

MORTON ASKS A QUESTION.

The Governor and Correspondence on Railway Rate Matter.

Referring to Governor Glenn's invitation in the Raleigh dispatches to the State papers yesterday to examine the files in his office in regard to the railroad rate matter, Representative George L. Morton, of New Hanover, said last night that he would like to know which files the Governor referred to—"those in the Executive office where they should be or those in his other coat pocket in the Executive mansion?"

In explanation of his inquiry he said that the Governor had sent a similar invitation in a message to the Legislature and that in accordance with the invitation he went down to look over those files and that the only two important matters that he went for were not in the files of the executive office, although he went down immediately after the invitation and supposed he could see the files in their complete state. He said that the letter on one important subject the Governor said must be "lost" and that the Governor "found" this upon the arirval in Raleigh of a gentleman having the original when Mr. Morton had asked permission of the Governor to get a copy from this gentleman who had arrived.

Mr. Morton said the other letters he asked to see were also not in the files and that the Governor said they might be "in his other coat pocket at the mansion," that he would look "when he went to dinner." he said as a sequence that they did turn up in the Governor's other coat pocket at the mansion and that the Governor read them to him, but he was not permitted to have a copy or get them in his hands.

MRS. L. L. HOYT DEAD.

Good Woman Entered Into Rest Yesterday Morning—Funeral.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Minnie J. Hoyt, wife of Mr. L. L. Hoyt and a woman held in the highest estimation by all who knew her. She passed away yesterday morning at 10:50 o'clock at the family residence, No. 705 South Fifth street, after an illness of some time. She was in the 55th year of her age and with her husband, who is alone left of the immediate family to survive her, had resided in this city for a number of years. The sorrowing ones have the sympathy of many friends in the bereavement which is theirs.

The funeral and interment will be in the family burying ground near Wallace, N. C., on Monday upon the arrival of the train from this city on which the remains wil be taken away.

Devlin Goes With the Giants.

The many friends of Arthur Devlin, formerly with the Wilmington baseball team, will read with interest the following from the New York World of a recent date: "Arthur Devlin, looking as fit as a ball player in midsummer, breezed into the office of the New York Club yesterday and handed his signed contract for the season of 1908 to Secretary Fred Knowles. The Giant's great third baseman has been passing his time since the close of last season at Des Moines, Ia., the home of his wife's parents. He has been taking out door exercises and is within a few pounds of his playing weight. Devlin will go to Washington today to visit two weeks with his father. He will report here February 18th and go to Marlin Springs with the second squad of Giants."

Endowment Rank, K. of P.

Members of the insurance department of the order of Knights of Pythias will be interested and pleased to know that Supreme Chancellor Chas. A. Barnes, who is in the city, in talking over general Pythian affairs with State Deputy Grand Chancellor Nutt yesterday brought most encouraging report from the Endowment Rank. This is an organization of Pythians in which insurance is furnished members at prime first cost. Judge Barnes says that the indications are that from the last annual report that at least two payments will be refunded to members of the Fifth class. This is quite encouraging to all who have this splendid form of insurance.

THE NEWS OF FAIRMONT

South Robeson an Interesting Place With Interesting People.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fairmont, N. C., Feb. 8.—The K. of P. lodge at this point is said to have made a greater growth last year than any lodge in the State. We have a fine Masonic membership also and lodges of both Junior Order and W. O. W. The lodge of the J. O. A. M. and the high school are planning a flag raising over our new brick school building in the near future. This will be an extremely interesting occasion to many of us who have never seen the ceremony.

We had an old fashioned "Spelling Bee" recently, given by the Waverly Book Club, at which Mr. Webster's "Blue Back" was much in evidence and the elderly people were glad to greet an old friend. The young people spelled well but Professor Cole, who knew the "Blue Back" in its palmiest days came out victorious and won a nice prize.

Rev. R. A. Moore, of Red Springs, the well known colporteur of Baptist literature, was calling on our people this week. He visited the school and preached in the Baptist church Sunday night, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Jackson being ill with grippe which is epidemic in town.

No part of Robeson county nor indeed of the State is improving faster than the section below us bordering on the South Carolina line locally known as "Black Ankle" (no body knows the origin of the term). Fifteen and twenty years ago three was not a public road through the section very little farming was attempted and some of its inhabitants were constantly outlawed. Being so close to the State line and the large swamps of Ashpole and Lumber river made it the finest hiding place to be found. At Page's old stand a noted whiskey shop were murders and cutting affairs constantly. When whiskey was banished from Robeson the community began slowly to come out of the shadow until now it has nice churches first class public schools, some of the best roads in South Robeson and a rural mail which is well patronized. The community contains some of the finest farming land in the country and hundreds of acres of beautiful towering longleaf pines, round and smooth with not a box facing.

The people are independent and "live at home and board at the same place." Of course they are proud of their great improvement and especially of the fact that shooting scrapes are so very rare. One of their leading men, Mr. Ellis Miller, has been the first man in the country to pay his taxes for many years. Three years ago in a conversation with me he said. "Why, yes, we used to think we couldn't go to church in the "Ankle" without our guns and now see here, Christmas is just over and I never saw a drunk man and there wasn't a shooting in the neighborhood."

The "gray line" of Robeson is getting pitifully thin, those who are left feeble and gray. One of the oldest in our community, Mr. Micajor Griffin passed over the river last week. Like all Confederate veterans he enjoyed nothing better than to tell of his war time experiences. He was a sincere Christian and loved peace and was grateful to die in peace surrounded by a loving family.

The Lumberton Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, are offering Crosses of Honor to all veterans and many are being bestowed.

Plans are being made for a half mile race track in town, and who knows but what some day Wilmington Autos will compete against the sports of Fairmont, and possibly get beaten?

MRS. REBECCA BELL DEAD

Venerable Mother of Mr. Benj. Bell, Passed Away Yesterday.

Many warm personal friends who had been drawn to her by her beautiful Christian character and kindly presence, will regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Mrs. Rebecca Bell, relict of the late Ivey Bell and the venerable mother of Mr. Benjamin Bell, one of the proprietors of the Messenger, which occurred yesterday evening at 7:15 o'clock at the home of her son, No. 306 South Fourth street, this city, after an immediate illness of three weeks during the latter part of which her condition was critical.

Mrs. Bell was born December 26th 1826 and was, therefore, in the 82nd year of her age. She had been quite feeble for some time but three weeks ago suffered an attack of lagrippe, which manifested itself in the most virulent form for one of her years. Although given the best of medical attention and the tenderest nursing, it was seen that the end was near and she passed peacefully away at the hour named with all members of the family at her bedside. Mrs. Bell was one of the pioneer Methodists of Wilmington and first had her membership with the old Front street church, later uniting with Fifth Street M. E. Church to which she was devoted until the last. She was singularly devoted to her family and friends and they to her. Her death, though not unexpected, was a sad realization to them all, and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mrs. Bell is survived by an only son, Mr. Benjamin Bell, and two daughters Mrs. James W. Jackson and Miss Jennie Bell, all of this city. There are also a number of grandchildren who were particularly fond of their grandmother and to whom her life was a benediction.

The funeral of Mrs. Bell will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon from Fifth Street M. E. Church and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

This Is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

White leather Children's Stockings this week at 7c at Fuch's. **

$2.50 Hats, Spring styles, this sale $1.98 at Fuch's. *1

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Fine Apron Gingham, 5c the yard.

35c white checked and plaid mercerized and sheer Madras, white sale, 23c.

36-in striped Madras, white Sale, 10c.

35 in Capitol Cloth, linen finish suiting, 11c.

36-in linen Cambric and sheer Linen, 39c.

Spring Dress Goods, new snappy styles, 36 inches wide, 50c the yard.

A new lot of plaid silk finish Gingham, for waists, 23c.

New lot Panama Skirts, black and navy, $7.50 values only $5.98.

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Drug Talks — No. 5 — WORTH HEEDING.

There is only one real drug store in this town and it is J. Hicks Buntings. Only one that devotes its time and attention exclusively to drugs and doctors' needs. That is thoroughly up-to-date on everything concerning medicine.

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Drug Talks — No. 6 — WORTH HEEDING.

The immensity of the business done at this store is a surety for the freshness of the stock. Any one can understand that by turning over as much business as we do their goods will be fresher, more potent, more up to date and absolutely reliable.

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Drug Talks — No. 7 — WORTH HEEDING.

Our Drug Store is a helpful server of the public. A store to which you can come in confidence, getting absolutely just what your doctor orders and put together as he would wish. We can serve you better than any other drug store can.

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Drug Talks — No. 8 — WORTH HEEDING.

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Y. M. C. A. NEWS NOTES

Meeting at Brooklyn Church Today. Big Rally Monday Night.

All men are cordially invited to attend the second of a series of evangelical services being held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., at 5 o'clock this afternoon in Brooklyn Baptist Church. The speaker will be Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., and the musical numbers will be by a male quartette from Bladen Street M. E. Church. At the same hour there will be a meeting in the Association building in charge of Assistant Secretary Hatch.

The Bible Study Club of the Association will meet Monday evening as usual and all former members as well as all other young men interested are cordially invited. It is hoped to swell the class membership to 50 at once. Dr. McClure is the teacher and the meetings are always interesting and helpful.

Monday night there will be a rally of all Association members at which the Get One Contest will be closed with the addition of something like 40 members. There will be a distribution of prizes, Association watch fobs in gold, silver and bronze for first, second and third prizes respectively. An interesting programme has been arranged for a reception to the new members secured as a result of the contest.

DIED.

BELL—At her home in this city, Saturday, February 8th, 1908, at 7:15 P. M., MRS. REBECCA BELL, relict of the late Ivy Bell, in the 82nd year of her age.

Funeral tomorrow (Monday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Fifth Street M. E. Church; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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¶ It is from the benefits we derive from our depositors that we make our profits, and we feel under special obligations to them.

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"LORD HAVE MERCY"

These Were the Words of Beech Hargis Who Killed His Father as He Looked at the Corpse of His Sire in Its Coffin.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 8.—Beech Hargis, who shot and killed his father, Judge James Hargis on Thursday, was permitted today to stand by the coffin and look at the face of the dead. Turning away with smothered sobs, the son knelt by the body and murmured:

"Lord, have mercy."

While he was kneeling his mother came into the room and fell by his side. They remained for only a short time then the son returned to the jail. He did not attend the funeral which was set for early afternoon.

Many friends and relatives of Judge Hargis came to Jackson for the funeral. A large crowd from the country also gathered here. The funeral services took place in the little family burial ground on the crown of a knoll around which flows the north fork of the Kentucky river.

Nearby are the graves of Judge Hargis' three brothers, all of whom died of bullet wounds inflicted by political enemies.

The casket of mahogany and steel, with solid silver handles, had been constructed for Judge Hargis recently on the Judge's special order. The body was taken across the bridge at the "town bend" of the river, placed upon a push-car on the tracks of the Lexington & Eastern railroad and taken for half a mile to the narrow guage railroad of a lumber company where it was placed on a similar car for a journey of a mile where the river was crossed on the "pan handle side". Then the body was carried about 300 yards to the grave.

The attendants walked, forming a procession on the track behind the car. There is no hearse in the town. Neither is there a professional undertaker in this region.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS GUILTY

That's What the Court Now Says About Former Official.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 8.—Former United States District Attorney John H. Hall indicted for conspiracy with the Butte Creek Land Live Stock and Lumber Company, to maintain an alleged illegal fence which enclosed 20,000 acres of public land in Wheeler county, was today found guilty. The trial has been in progress since January 23 and had been bitterly fought on both sides.

The offense is punishable by a fine not exceeding $10,00 or by imprisonment not exceeding two years. Judge Webster, counsel for Hall, was allowed sixty days in which to file notice of appeal and was granted until May 1st in which to prepare a bill of exceptions, pending which sentence was suspended.

The following individuals were indicted on this conspiracy charge: Ex-State Senator W. W. Steiwer; Senator Hendricks, Clarence B. Zachary, A. C. Zachary, Charles A. Watson, Clyde Glass, ex-Commissioner of the general land office Bingman Herrman, United States District Attorney John H. Hall, ex-United States Assistant Attorney Edwin Mays, State Senator Franklin Pearce Mays, ex-Special Agent Clark E. Loomis and ex-Special Agent E. D. Stratford.

Hall was the only one of the indicted persons to be tried.

MORSE WILL RETURN.

He Arrived in Liverpool Yesterday But Will Start Back at Once.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—C. W. Morse, the New York banker and promoter, who arirved here this morning from New York on the steamer Campagnia decided to return at once to New York City, and he left here this afternoon. This complete change in Mr. Morse's plans was caused by the receipt of a cablegram from New York, the message changing his plans was received at Queenstown or by wireless between Queenstown and Liverpool.

Interrogated regarding his future movements Mr. Morse showed a decided disinclination to talk of his affairs or plans. He did say, however that he had received a cablegram from New York which had decided him to return home immediately on Board the Etruria. It has been his intention to proceed to the continent to look after certain business matters which demanded his attention, but the urgency of the cable advices from the other side had caused a reversal of his plans.

Mr. Morse declined to discuss in any way the status of his financial affairs or his prospects of getting out of his reported difficulties.

HIS EDITORIALS WERE READ.

Joseph Leveque, the New Orleans Editor Tells About Assault on Him.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—During a trial today of Edward S. Whitaker, former inspector of police, charged with shooting at Joseph Leveque, a newspaper editor with intent to kill. Judge Skinner of the city criminal court severely reprimanded Whitaker and threatened to send him to jail for contempt of court. When the State was presenting its case editorials from the pen of Levigue wear read. One of these charged that Whitaker frequently insulted ladies and aroused the ire of the former inspctor and he leaped from his seat in court and cried: "Here, you can't talk about me that way."

The court clerk tapped for order and Judge Skinner informed Whitaker that if he interrupted the session again he would be sent to jail for contempt.

Ladies' Lynn Comfort Shoes, rubber heel, this week $1.29 at Fuch's. **

RAILROADS IN RUSSIA

Advices From Constantinople are to the Effect That "Their Off."

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Advices received here from Constantinople indicate that the sublime porte is backward in acceding to Austria's project of constructing a railway connecting the Austrian line through Bosnia with the Turkish line to Saloniki through the district of Novipazar, who is opposed by Russia.

The grand vizier has declared that Turkey takes an enlightened interest in railways, as the promoter of progress but prefers to build the Novipazar line hereself, dispensing with the offer of Austrian capital.

It is surmised here that the project on this account will be deferred for some time as the Turkish treasury has been depleted of resources.

The British proposal to create a flying column of Gendarmarie, to be commanded oy Europeans and charged with the task of stamping out marauding bands in Macedonia, mentioned in King Edwards throne speech, has not met with favor from Russian on the the ground of previous undertakings of a similar sort in Egypt and Crete have not proved efficacious, and have entailed a vast amount of trouble for the native population.

Russia has also frowned upon another suggestion that a joint note be addressed to Sofia, Athens and Belgrade.

WARM WIRELETS.

William J. Bryan was given a cordial reception at Plattsburg, N. Y., last night when he lectured on the "Old World and Its Ways" under the auspices of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

The Jefferson county board of tax supervision yesterday increased the assessment of the Southern Pacific Company from $500,000 to $10,000,000. The Southern Pacific, which is incorporated in Kentucky has an office at Beechmount, a suburb of Louisville.

The new schooner Dean E. Brown, Captain Flynn, bound in from Jacksonville for Bridgeport with lumber, went aground early today on the west side of Swash Channel. She was assisted off by a tug and proceeded up the bay to New York.

As a result of the gas explosion in No. 4 mine of the Tennessee Iron, Coal and Railroad, at Birmingham, Ala., last evening, Bob Herrell, the mine boss was instantly killed and the assistant superintendent was badly injured and a negro workman sustained a broken leg by a flying crane.

A bulletin to the Detroit Free Press from Dowagiac, Mich., says that announcement was made last night that the city Bank of Dowagiac will not open for business Monday. The bank is capitalized for $50,000.

A special from Greenwood, Miss., says: The jury before whom Dr. J. W. Kirby has been on trial for the past two days, charged with the killing of James D. Money, Jr., a nephew of Senator Money, returned a verdict late last night adjudging Dr. Kirby "not guilty."

Despondent over his ability to obtain employment because of the loss of a leg while stealing a ride on a railroad train last summer, Frederick W. Ross, a boy sixteen years old, took his life by shooting himself at Passaic, N. J., after planning his death to the last detail. Ross' mother found the body and beside it lay a note which read: "No one is to blame. I sent mother away to shoot myself."

The blue laws which have been so rigidly enforced in Birmingham, Ala., for several weeks, were in a measure modified yesterday by a decision of Judge Weaver of the criminal court. He ruled that the law against Sunday golf playing is unconstitutional because of defects in the way it is drawn. The decision is the result of a friendly test suit brought by members of the Birmingham county club.

Andrew Carnegie, speaking to the toast "The Country Boy in the City" last night at the tenth annual dinner of the Society of the Genesee, at the Waldorf Astoria at New York, declared that no man succeeds simply from doing his duty, but that he must do something to attract attention. Mr. Carnegie divided men into three classes, those who work for money, those who work for fame, and those who give themselves to service. The society elected Mr. Carnegie a member.

Joao Franca, the former Premier of Portugal, who arrived in Bordeaux Thursday with his family from Madrid spent yesterday in his room at a hotel near the railroad station. His only answers to repeated requests for information as to his future was that he had abandoned politics and he prayed all questioners to "leave him alone with his great sorrow." He did not leave the hotel either during the day or night and received no one except the Portugese vice consul. A police guard is maintained at the hotel. As yet Franco's plans are not known.

NIP IT IN THE BUD.

First Appearance of Dandruff a Forerunner of Future Baldness.

That such is the case has been conclusively proven by scientific research. Prof. Unna, the noted European skin specialist, declares that dandruff is the burrowed-up cuticle of the scalp, caused by parasites destroying the vitality in the hair bulb. The hair becomes lifeless, and, in time, falls out. This can be prevented.

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White leather Children's Stockings this week at 7c at Fuch's. **

Hospitality.

While the reportorial representative of a great news bureau was in San Antonio, Tex., whence he had posted in such haste as to have little luggage, he met with a charming bit of southern hospitality. He had no cuffs, and a local reporter promptly drew off his own and said to the guest within the city gates: "Here, take mine. I've more at home." Later it was learned that the donor of the cuffs worked for the San Antonio Daily Express, and the superintendent of the news bureau upon hearing of the incident immediately wrote to Frank Grice, owner of the Express, in appreciation of an act peculiarly southern in its frank good fellowship. Here is Mr. Grice's reply: "If you can send me the name of the member of the Express staff who offered his cuffs to your man he will be discharged for not offering his shirt as well."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sharp, but Not Clever.

A London scientist says that life in a metropolis makes young children sharp, but not clever; that it often destroys their chance of ever being clever, for it hastens the development of the brain unnaturally. It makes them superficial, alert, but not observant; excitable, but without one spark of enthusiasm. They are apt to grow blase, fickle, discontented. They see more things than the country bred child, but not such interesting things, and they do not properly see anything, for they have neither the time nor capacity to get at the root of all the bewildering objects that crowd themselves into their little lives.

Social Limits.

You may tell a man that his necktie cannot be reckoned among his successes, you may point out his errors in regard to investments, you may reproach him for omitting to take advantage of the opportunities he has had for advancement, and he will accept all your criticisms with a reasonable calm, but take gentle exception to the way in which he pronounces a word and the chances are that his next remark is of a heated nature.—London Queen.

Took All the Responsibility.

"I'm going to give up that new specialist I've been trying."

"What's the reason?"

"Why, he's always telling me that I must try to help myself."

"What did the other man tell you?"

"He always told me he was helping me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Where?

An English mayor tells this story: "A woman, speaking at a meeting in support of women's rights, repeatedly asked her audience, 'Where would men find themselves without women?'

"A weak voice from the rear of the hall:

"'In paradise, mum!'"

Ate Off His Hand.

Smith—I hear Jones, the naturalist, had a bad accident. What was it? Brown—Why, somebody gave him a young tiger cub and said it was so tame it would eat off his hand. Smith—Well? Brown—Well, it did.

Improved.

"Does your papa get much practice?" asked the visitor of the doctor's seven-year-old son.

"Oh, he doesn't have to practice any more," replied the boy. "He knows how now."

Surgery.

Medical Student—What did you operate on that man for?

Eminent Surgeon—Five hundred dollars.

"I mean what did he have?"

"Five hundred dollars."—Puck.

The Shepherd's Crook.

Although most people have seen a shepherd's crook, many do not know the use of it. Some people think that all the shepherd carries it for is to use it as a walking stick when he tramps to and from the fold. But the crooked end itself serves a purpose. It enables a shepherd to catch refractory sheep. If a sheep shows signs of running away the crooked end has only to be placed round his leg, and he is a captive.—London Standard.

A Long Way Off.

Creditor (determinedly)—I shall call at your house every week until you pay this account, sir. Debtor (in the blandest of tones)—Then, sir, there seems every probability of our acquaintanceship ripening into friendship.

Lots of Chatter.

"What is he playing?"

"Oh, Mendelssohn's 'Songs Without Words,' you know."

"Hm! Well, the audience seems to be doing their best to supply the deficiency."—London Bystander.

The words of the good are like a staff in a slippery place.—Hindoo Maxim.

Medicine That Is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug stores.

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The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

CARNATIONS and all other kinds of seasonable, beautiful flowers can be obtained for St. Valentine's Day from Will Rehder, the Florist. fe 9-3t

SPIDER WEB PARTY for children by St. Cecelia's Guild Tuesday afternoon, February 11th from 4 to 6 o'clock at St. James' Parish House. Admission 5 cents. fe 9-1t

LOST—Friday, a lady's gold watch and leather fob attached with Swastika charm on same. Photograph of lady in back of case. Reward if returned to 208 Church street. fe 9-1t*

FOR RENT—Cottage and 65 acres of turpentine land in 45 minutes walk of car line, on Carolina Beach road. No trees produce more turpentine in a season. An industrious and experienced man can easily earn $40 per month and only work part of his time. Every convenience for raising poultry. For further information apply to Mrs. N. E. Davis, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 69, Wilmington, N. C. fe 9-1t

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WANTED FOR 1908—Experienced salesmen. Attractive line for retail trade, worth $300 monthly, and better, to producers. Position permanent to energetic and reliable men. Box 574, Dept. 42, Chicago, Ill. fe 9-1t*

SALESMEN WANTED to sell to grocers, druggists and confectioners; $100.00 per month and expenses. California Cider & Extract Co., St. Louis, Mo. fe 9-1t*

LOST—One black and white English setter. Reward if returned to C. N. Evans, 409 Orange street. fe 9-tf

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished house in good locality. Possession given March 1st. Address P. O. Box 513. fe 9-1t

LOST—Saturday, a red leather bank, possibly at Cape Fear mill fire. Finder please return to 106 Church street and receive reward. fe 9-1t

LOST OR STOLEN—Black and white English setter bitch named "Sue." Round black spot on right shoulder, black ears, blazed nose to head, black ticks. Reward if returned to C. N. Evans, 409 Orange street. fe 9-tf

T. P. A. POST G.—All members and traveling men are requested to attend a meeting and smoker at Chamber of Commerce Rooms Friday, February 21st, at 8 o'clock P. M. Preparations and committees to be appointed for State convention to be held in May. Work must begin if we expect to be well represented at the National convention and have a North Carolina man run for a National office. T. J. Pratt, president; T. D. Love, secretary. fe 5 4t

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms with or without board; also one room suitable for an office; electric lights. Can accommodate a few table boarders. Apply 18 1-2 oNrth Second street. fe 7 3t*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—High Point, Feb. 7.—Arrangements were completed this evening for the moving here of the D. M. Pollock Lumber Company, of Atlanta, hardwood manufacturers, one of the biggest concerns of its kind in the South.

—Asheville, Feb. 7.—Information was received at the postoffice here today to the effect that the contract for the enlargement and improvement of the government building in Asheville had been awarded to David Gatez & Son, of Knoxville. The firm's bid was fifty-six thousand and three hundred dollars. Work must commence within thirty days and the building must be completed by July 1, 1909.

—High Point, Feb. 7.—The DeKalb McDaniel Bank, with a capital stock of $75,000, was this evening merged with the North Carolina Savings Bank and Trust Company, with a capital stock of $200,000, adding strength to this already strong bank, which opened for business this week. The McDaniel bank was to have opened for business next month. McDaniel will hold a responsible position with the North Carolina Savings Bank and Trust Company.

—Asheville, Feb. 8.—Subpoenaes have been issued for a number of Asheville and Buncombe county witnesses against "Reverend" William G. Whitaker, the alleged swindler under arrest in Ohio and it is expected that these witnesses will be called to Springfield in a few days. The subpoenaes were issued several days ago, but have been delayed in reaching Asheville. It is known that as many as six witnesses from here will in all probability have to go.

—Concord, Feb. 7.—At a meeting of the city school board today the resignation of Mr. David Branson Coltrane as a member thereof was reluctantly accepted. Mr. Coltrane having accepted a position on the board of trustees of the Jackson Training School. For fifteen years Mr. Coltrane has been a school commissioner of this city's schools, a greater part of which he was chairman of the board. Mr. Brevard E. Harris was elected to the chairmanship of the board, and Mr. John K. Patterson was made secretary.

—Statesville, Feb. 7.—Mr. W. E. Ashley, of Greensboro, insurance adjuster for the Original Four Insurance Company, was in town this week, and he and Mr. J. A. Parker, of the Statesville Realty and Investment Company drove to the farm of Mr. W. C. Johnson, in Sharpesburg township and adjusted Mr. Johnson's loss caused by a fire two weeks ago, which destroyed his home. The adjuster and Mr. Parker, through whom the policy was secured, accepted Mr. Jornson's statement in full detail and paid his claim of $726.21. The settlement was very satisfactory to all parties therein concerned.

—Winston-Salem, Feb. 7.—The North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will hold its annual convention at Elon College some time in April, the exact date to be announced later, This was decided at a meeting of the business board held in this city. The convention met last year in Greensboro. Mr. E. H. Stockton, of this city, one of the most active members of the organization, was elected president of the union at the annual meeting last year. The business board is composed of President Stockton and Rev. E. C. Stempel, of this city; Mrs. H. A. Arrett, of Greensboro, State secretary, and Prof. W. A. Harper, of Elon College

—Statesville, Feb. 7.—Messrs. D. F. Jenkins and W. N. White, of Statesville, and J. H. Shuford and O. S. Woodsides, of near Loray, who went to Hamlet last week with a fine pack of fox hounds numbering 20, expecting to spend a while hunting foxes, have returned home empty handed. The weather was so disagreeable that the hunters did not attempt but one chase, and this one was very unsatisfactory, and realizing that it would be some days before the weather would be favorable for hunting on account of the sleet and snow, they decided to postpone the hunt and returned home. Messrs. J. H. Henly, Laster Alexander, Harvey and Scot Murdock went to the vicinity of Red Springs a few days ago to spend awhile hunting foxes. What luck they are having has not been learned.

—Wilson, Feb. 7.—Mr. John B. Vick, of this city, has in his posession a celebrated Stradivarias violin which was made in the year 1721. This instrument he prizes highly. He says he will use it at the Fiddler's Convention which holds forth here on Thursday night, February 13th. The mellow tones that emanate from this highly prized fiddle when "Uncle John" draws the bow across the catgut, are wonderful to hear. The old war horse says he used to be somewhat of a dancer—in fact, he used to amuse the boys of the "Lost Cause" by tripping "The Fisher's Hornpipe" and the "Highland Fling" while waiting for the Yanks to show their heads. He enlisted in the Confederate army in April, 1863, Co. A. Twelfth North Carolina Batallion. He was one of Gen. D. H. Hill's bodyguard.

—Statesville, Feb. 7.—Statesville's new banking institution, the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, has secured temporary quarters with the Statesville Realty and Investment Company on Centre street, and Messrs. F. B. Bunch and J. A. Knox, officials of the bank, are busy completing arrangements for the bank to open business. All of the capital stock has been paid in and the company has filed its report with the corporation commission. A certificate from the commision is expected tomorrow and the bank people expect to be ready for business by Wednesday of next week. The business of the bank will be conducted from the offices of the Realty and Investment Company anly until the bank's permanent quarters in the new Patterson and Anderson block are ready for occupancy.

NEWS FROM LUMBERTON

Court Week Develops Several Items of Interest—Lemon Extract as a Substitute for "Booze"—Called the "Imposition."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 8.—This has been court week in Lumberton and the town has been unusually full of visitors most of the time. This is Judge Long's first visit to Robeson county, and has made a most favorable impression.

Postoffice Inspector Boushee has been here most of the week going over the different rural routes. He has made one change here which gives great satisfaction to the people being served by the rural service. The carriers now leave at 9 A. M. instead of 11:40 at heretofore, returning now at 3:15 P. M. instead of 5 P. M.

The Lumberton Weekly Star, a paper which has been published by colored people for the last two or three years, has suspended publication, the patronage not being sufficient to sustain it.

For several days past lagrippe has been getting in its work here on a large scale. Among those who are or have been confined to their rooms, are Dr. John Knox, Mr. T. E. Petty, Seaboard ticket agent; Mr. S. H. Hamilton, manager of the Western Union telegraph office, and Mr. L. B. Townsend, clerk in the sheriff's office.

For a week or more the blind tiger has been getting in some good work in town. Has signs on seen almost anywhere at any time. The tiger got away from one fellow Monday and he drank lemon extract to the value of $1.50 and the next day pawned his gold medal won in a college, for money enough to order a gallon of $1.50 whiskey.

The DeKoven Male Quartette will open here Monday evening under the auspices of the Lumberton Lyceum Bureau and will doubtless have a full house.

Mr. W. S. Britt, of this county, who is a student of Wake Forest College, passed his examination successfully in the Supreme Court for the practice of law. He is a brother of Mr. E. M. Britt, one of Lumberton's youngest and most promising attorneys.

It is gratifying to our people to know that if the business in the postoffice continues to increase another year as it has in the past, Lumberton will be entitled to be put on the list of third-class offices.

By the change of hour of departure of the rural carriers, only the Wilmington daily papers are delivered to country subscribers in this section on the day of publication.

Republicans hereabout are wearing expressions of genuine satisfaction these days, but are having very little to say. The effect of the "imposition" is showing up already.

The first interments in Meadow Brook, Lumberton's new cemetery, except three or four bodies which were removed from another cemetery, were made this week.

In the Supreme Court here this week, was a young white man indicted for highway robbery, but the prosecutor proved as bad or a worse character than the accused, and it took the jury as long to decide that the defendant was not guilty as it took the New York jury to clear Harry Thaw. A little J. P. from the country tied the other eleven up, but after being on duty for nearly thirty hours, he gave it up.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church gave an entertainment in the Columbia Hotel building last night, and we understand realized quite a goodly sum of money. money.

URGES MORE SHIPS

President Tells Democrats Japanese Situation is Still Serious.

(Special to the Baltimore Sun.)

Washington, Feb. 6.—President Roosevelt called the Democratic members of the House Committee on Naval Affairs to the White House today and urged them to support his entire naval programme, saying that the international relations of the United States at this time render naval preparedness for war absolutely necessary.

The President specifically mentioned the troubles with Japan. He narrated the whole course of the negotiations over the questions with Japan and spoke of these issues as being unsettled and still serious. Therefore, he asked the Democrats, not as "poticians," but as "patriots," to vote for the four new 20,000-ton battleships, four scout cruisers and an auxiliary fleet of destroyers, submarines and ammunition and mine ships, as recommended to Congress in his annual message and in the naval estimates.

The strictest possible injunction of secrecy was put upon those present as to all the details of the President's talk upon international matters. Only one additional point creeps out, and it is that more significance attached to the withdrawal of Japanese Ambassador Aoki than has been officially made known in the past. The Democratic conference invited to the President's sanctum came away from the White House visibly impressed with the position taken by the President. They were frank to say that, if the President's view of the situation is well founded, that battleship programme should be carried through Congress. It now seems certain that the President's programme will receive a larger number of Democratic votes when the issue on the naval bill comes before the House.

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No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations.

No. 40 arrives 1:30 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n..	4:50 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8;50 P. M.
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		No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv	Wilmington.....	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar.	Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
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Ar.	Weldon	4:55 pm	3:30 am
Ar	Norfolk	6:05 pm	
Ar	Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar.	Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:27 am
Ar	Richmond	8:00 pm	6:10 am
Ar	Washington	11:50 pm	9:50 am
Ar	Baltimore	1:43 am	11:23 am
Ar	Philadelphia ...	4:21 am	1:41 pm
Ar	New York	7:23 am	4:13 pm

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		No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv	New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar	Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar	Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar	Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv	Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv	Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar	Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar	Weldon	9:59 pm	11:30 am
Ar	Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar	Wilson	11:47 pm	1:59 pm
Ar	Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:12 pm
Ar.	Wilmington	9:40 am	6:10 pm

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Lv.	Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 p
Ar	Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 a
Ar.	Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	
Ar.	Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 a
Ar	Sav'n..	6:50 pm	2:59 am	9:54 a
Ar.	J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:20 p
Ar.	Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 p

NORTHBOUND.

		Daily.	Daily.
Lv.	Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv.	Jacksonville..	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar.	Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv.	Charleston ...	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv.	Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
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Ar	Wilmington ..	12:55 am	1:20 pm

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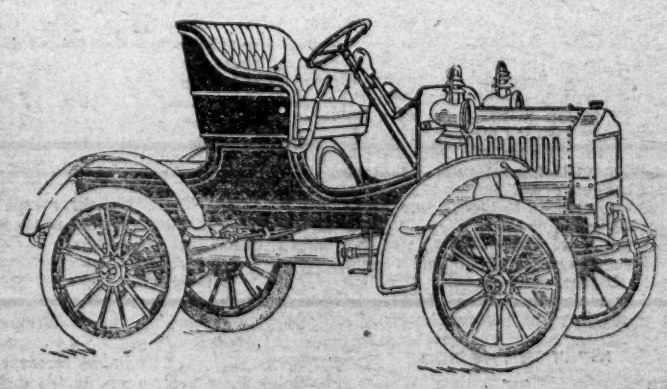

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

Richard fancied there was a certain grimness in Mr. Renwyck's tone and jumped to a swift conclusion. He was found out. He wished to avoid a scene if possible, but from what his father had told him of Mr. Renwyck's temper he could gather little hope.

"Certainly," he answered evenly, rather relieved that the expected break was coming. "Shall we sit here on the porch?"

"No," said the old gentleman; "I don't care to be overheard by any of the servants. If you don't mind walking we'll move away from the house."

Richard was convinced. He was sure that when Jacob Renwyck expressed a candid opinion of any one—especially an impostor—he would find it difficult to speak in whispers. It was just as well, on the whole, and Richard preferred to receive his malediction out of earshot of his ladylove. He rose with alacrity, therefore, and followed his host, who led the way across the lawn toward a little observatory or pleasure house on the crest of a bluff overlooking the moonlit Hudson.

At another time the young man might have enjoyed the view of the great calm river sweeping past the shadowy hills on the farther side, but under the circumstances the scene did not appeal to him. There were other thoughts which occupied his mind. Mr. Renwyck walked with his hands clasped behind him, and Richard watched his every move. Physically the Texan was more than a match for Mr. Renwyck, but the latter had probably armed himself for the occasion, a trifling precaution which would not have escaped the southerner. And Richard then and there resolved never again to put on a pair of trousers that had no pistol pocket in them. What did those eastern tailors know about the requirements of a gentleman anyway? But then it flashed into his mind that Mr. Renwyck was probably no better provided than he in that particular—reassuring thought!

Suddenly Mr. Renwyck unclasped his hands and transferred one of them to his breast pocket. Richard caught sight of a bulging projection—it was there then!

He was on the point of seizing his host's wrist when the latter brought forth a brown covered case.

"Have a cigar," he said, with crafty cordiality, and Richard accepted, with his gaze still concentrated on Mr. Renwyck's hands.

"Light?"

"Thank you, no," the Texan answered. "I'll smoke it dry for awhile, if you don't mind."

The trick was an old one. He had seen it worked along the Rio Grande. A Mexican had presented a cheroot to a cow puncher, who, after lighting it, found himself looking into the muzzle of an overgrown Colt's—and a Texan learns to profit by observation as well as experience.

Mr. Renwyck now invited his guest to a seat beside him on a smooth flat stone on the edge of the cliff. Richard accepted, but cautiously slid his foot to a point behind Mr. Renwyck's leg, with the aim of overturning his enemy backward at the first sign of treachery.

"Croyland," he began abruptly, "I've taken a fancy to you somehow, and I'm going to prove it by putting you on the inside of a little business deal."

"A business deal?" gasped Richard in unfeigned surprise.

"Yes," nodded the old gentleman, puffing thoughtfully at his cigar. "Of course I don't know how you are fixed financially, nor have I any intention of asking impertinent questions, but if you care to come with me in a transaction in which I myself have invested largely I can put you in the way of making quite a snug little sum."

Richard withdrew his foot from behind Mr. Renwyck's leg and in the darkness strove to kick himself. Conscience had made of him not exactly a coward, but a careful skater on thin ice.

"That's very clever of you, indeed," he answered, lighting his perfecto and gazing out across the Hudson. "Is it what you call—er—a flier?"

"Well, no," said the old financier. "It's more than that. It's a dead certainty, and I'm on the inside. Let me explain. To begin with, it is a deep water harbor enterprise in the state of Texas."

Richard pricked up his ears, and Mr. Renwyck continued:

"A local company has been organized and styles itself the Houston, Matagorda City and Gulf Railroad and Improvement company." And Richard recognized the company with a thrill of excitement. "They're going to get an appropriation from the legislature for making a deep water harbor at Matagorda City. They own all the land in the vicinity and the right of way for a branch line to connect with the railroad systems of Texas at Houston. Now, this scheme, all else being equal, would be a sweet, juicy plum for its promoters. But things are not all equal. I have learned its details, and I propose to smash it."

He spoke with a savage emphasis, which revealed his hatred and his determination. If hell has no fury like a woman scorned, a friend turned enemy is almost as venomous.

"How are you going to do it?" asked Richard, with growing anxiety.

"There chances to be a rival company in the field, my boy, backed by money—influence—pull. In fact, I organized it to make a deep water harbor at Longmatt, on San Antonio bay. I rather think the legislative appropriation will go there."

"And is Longmatt better adapted for a deep water harbor than Matagorda City?"

"Much better."

"Why?"

"Because I own all the land at Longmatt, and for various reasons that—er—do credit to its business acumen the committee on railroads in the legislature agrees with me."

"Which means," suggested Richard, "that the legislature is doing business at the same old stand."

Mr. Renwyck laughed.

"That sounds very American for a foreigner, but suppose we put it a little more delicately. The legislature through this committee can be persuaded."

"And the other company does not know this?"

"Not a whisper of it."

"But won't it find out from the legislature?"

"It won't. I am certain of those Texas statesmen. They have been—fixed."

"But I thought"— began Richard, then stopped suddenly, remembering that he was not supposed to be up in American railroading affairs.

"Well?"

—"that such matters required much time—red tape—and all that sort of thing, you know."

"Not a bit of it," answered the old gentleman, rubbing his hands in anticipated pleasure. "Now, listen. I have devised this opposition scheme myself and know what I'm talking about. In just two weeks from now the Houston, Matagorda City and Gulf Railroad and Improvement company's bill for a deep water harbor at Matagorda City will be introduced in the legislature with a great flourish of trumpets and referred to the railroad committee—my committee, that is. At the same time a small and unostentatious little bill substituting Longmatt for Matagorda City will also be quietly slipped in by some of my agents. No one knows me in this connection at all, and of course you will respect my confidence?"

"Certainly."

"Well, this bill will be referred and forgotten by everybody until the last minute, when the original bill will be amended, and the large appropriation will go to Longmatt, too near the end of the session for any change. The stockholders of the opposite company are so certain of success that their first mortgage bonds have been issued, quietly taken up among themselves and are rising in value every day. But wait. When the Longmatt scheme is assured the bonds of the company won't be worth a cent. I shall buy their right of way to Houston for a song, and—well, the state of Texas will be greatly benefited, while the other fellows pay"—

"Pay Texas?" asked Richard innocently.

"Pay for the fiddler, my boy—that is, I," laughed Mr. Renwyck complacently. The old gentleman coolly flicked

"The old man's name is Bill Williams."

the ash from his cigar, turned and looked smilingly at his young auditor in assured triumph.

Richard smoked in silence for a time, then presently said, with affected carelessness:

"Mr. Renwyck, what you say is no doubt based on sound judgment and business and—er—legislative experience; yet, on the other hand, it strikes me that you are taking rather a heavy risk for the sake of mere money."

"Ah," cried the old financier with a snap of his heavy jaw, "now you've struck it! And I don't mind telling you the real reason. It isn't the money. Hang the money! I'm doing this to get even with one man—one man who represents the Houston, Matagorda City and Gulf Railroad and Improvement company, just as I represent the Longmatt Development and Construction company. He isn't a friend of mine—at least no longer—and, by George, I've got him! And, what's more, I'm going to squeeze him till his body is as dry as the state of Texas! I think you told me that you knew his son. The old man's name is Bill Williams."

Richard's brain was in a whirl. The Houston, Matagorda City and Gulf Railroad and Improvement company was his father's pet, the darling of his heart. He had worked over it, slaved over it and owned the controlling interest, in which he had invested an enormous sum. If what Mr. Renwyck said was true the coming crash would overwhelm his father completely. Not only had that gentleman invested his own money in the company, but he had induced his friends to join with him, and well Richard knew that his father would feel responsible for their loss. Again, the young man was not the kind of man who could stand meekly by and see his dear old dad bested by an enemy. With a mental gasp he realized that he stood in possession of information by which he could turn the tables on Jacob Renwyck and watch Bill Williams do the squeezing.

"Jerusalem, how dad will laugh!" he mused, then bit his tongue at a sudden thought which came to him.

He could not tell his father!

To pose as an English nobleman for the sake of a joke or even to win a girl was one thing; to receive a man's confidence in that capacity and by means of it detach him from the major portion of his fortune was quite another. Richard's mind was made up instantly. A confession of his deceit would cause a scene beyond doubt, and, moreover, his hope of winning Miss Harriet would fade in the general wreck, but even with this depressing fact in view he could not for an instant bring himself to be branded as a swindler and a thief.

"Mr. Renwyck," he began, but the daring speculator once more checked the good intention.

"Now, my dear Croyland," he begged, "I don't want you to go into this thing prematurely. Sleep on it. Think it over tomorrow, and we'll talk about it again in the evening. I'm going to town in the morning to attend a quiet meeting of the new company's stockholders. I will then be in a position to show you even more clearly where we stand. Let's go to bed." He linked his arm through Richard's and started across the grass. "By the way, I have a new team of horses coming out tomorrow on trial. I should like to get your opinion of them before I buy."

The light of dawn found Richard still staring at the ceiling and wondering how he could get out of the tangle. No longer was he justified in concealing his identity on any pretext. He must confess to Mr. Renwyck. But how could he do that when everything was progressing so favorably, when he was making so good an impression both on Mr. Renwyck and, as he hoped, his daughter? How could he throw away his opportunity there? On the other hand, how could he see his dad walk blindly into the mouths of a set of New York sharks? Over and over he turned the questions till his brain grew addled and his head was aching viciously. One of two things he must do. But which? What good would a confession do anyway? To tell his father afterward would not make him less culpable. He turned and twisted in his bed, but found no solution of the problem. The questions hit each other like wild express trains on a single track, and the solitary engineer had no earthly chance to jump.

"Now, it's this way," he murmured to his rumpled pillow—"when an irresistible force meets an immovable body—heavens! I wish we'd given those blasted Englishmen a bigger licking than we did in '76!"

CHAPTER IX.

BREAKFAST the next morning did not pass pleasantly for Richard, who began to detest the role he was assuming with all his honest American heart—honest until this mad idea of substitution obsessed him, that is. First of all, he wanted to get away by himself and think the thing out undisturbed by troublesome surroundings. He determined to go for a long ride—alone, if possible—and with a good horse under him perhaps his brain would work and devise some loophole of escape. Fatuous dream! There was no loophole. He would palter with the truth no longer. No! He would speak at once and get the worst part of it over. Then he would be free—free from his own conscience—and she would be hopelessly and forever lost to him. Well, he couldn't help it; his heart would break, but it had to be done, whatever the consequences to himself and the heart aforesaid.

Fully determined—so he thought—on this desperate course, he volunteered to drive Mr. Renwyck to the station in the trap. They would start early and drive slowly. There would be time. He would tell the old shark all and defy him to wreck Bill Williams with any underhand scheme. He would claim to have come to Irvington for the very purpose of unearthing the conspirators. He would join forces with his dad and fight Jacob Renwyck in the open, flinging aside discretion, love.

It was hard to think all this, and it would be harder still to say it. As he considered it the pendulum of his thoughts swung to the other extreme. Could he lay love aside? How sweet she looked in her simple morning gown—over which some artist of dress creation had labored days to produce that effect of artless innocence had he but known it—as she smiled and passed him those delicious rolls, as if it were breakfast food he lacked. He wanted her more than anything else on earth. She was worth a thousand harbor companies. His dad would understand and forgive after seeing her. But would conscience understand and forgive?

I am afraid Lord Croyland did not shine as a table companion that morning, and his muttered excuse about a headache seemed too feminine for credulity. When an irresistible force meets—

The drive to the station was rapid and brief. The undecided Richard did not speak after all. His host persisted in doing all the talking, which was mainly enlarging on that precious scheme of his.

"Au revoir!" said Mr. Renwyck, stepping from the trap. "That's my train. Think over my proposition and let me know this evening. I'll send the veterinary out to look at Hawk today. Goodby, Croyland."

Richard drove slowly back. None of the ladies was about when he arrived, so he wandered into the billiard room. He was knocking the balls around aimlessly when he was suddenly accosted by the one person in the world whose company he least desired.

"Good morning, Lord Croyland," called Mr. Michael Corrigan from the doorway. "I just came over to look you up."

Now, what did he want? Well, whatever it was, he would find the Texan was not to be bluffed. Richard's spirits actually rose. This was something tangible that threatened, and Richard loved to deal with the real. It was the abstract that involved him in difficulties that he hated.

"That's very kind of you, indeed," drawled Richard, with a ring of challenge in his voice which the lawyer did not fail to note with concealed amusement. "Fond of billiards?"

"Oh, in a way, yes. I'm most too short and fat to play without the bridge, but I'll take a cue from you with pleasure if I may."

"Now, I wonder if he means anything by that remark," thought Richard as he handed him the stick.

The game began briskly, but soon languished, as did the conversation, Richard making an occasional brilliant shot and missing the easy ones. Mr. Corrigan by steady, consistent play ran up a good score and between times watched his opponent out of the corners of his eyes.

"I shouldn't say you were up in your usual form, Lord Croyland. Sleep well?"

"No," said Richard, eagerly seizing the opportunity to speak the whole truth and nothing but it, "I didn't."

"Too bad!" murmured the little man, with an exaggerated sympathy that did not impose on his victim, while he gravely chalked his cue. "American beds are hard to get used to, eh?" He received no answer and leaned across the table for a difficult shot, paused and regarded the young man thoughtfully. "Lord Croyland, I am after a certain piece of information and have reason to believe that you can give it to me."

"I shall be pleased, I am sure," said Richard, with admirably simulated indolence, although he was never more keenly alive to the possibilities of a situation in his life.

The little man laid his cue upon the table, dusted his hands and planted himself squarely in front of the pseudo nobleman.

"What—in your opinion—is the most approved method—of branding a heifer?"

It was coming, then? Well, he would admit nothing, deny everything. There was no law of business, honor or love to compel him to confess anything to Mr. Corrigan.

"Branding a heifer?" repeated Richard vacantly while he screwed in his monocle and stared at his companion. "Really—'pon my word—I"—

Michael Corrigan burst into a laugh.

"Come, come, Dick"— How good that monosyllable sounded after this cursed Croyland business! Now he could understand why Bills hated to be called Woolsey. "It won't do," continued Corrigan genially. "I'm too old a bird to be caught with such salt. Out with it, boy! What's the meaning of this tomfoolery?"

It had come at last, then! No confession would be necessary. With a sudden revulsion of feeling Richard experienced a great sense of relief. Fortune had decided for him.

"Mr. Corrigan," said Richard, holding out his hand—he knew when he was beaten—while his features became radiant with smiles, "when you came through that door awhile ago I wished you safely in hades. Let's get out into the sunshine. I want to make a clean breast of it, for, to tell you the truth, I'm in the devil of a pickle."

Mr. Corrigan laughed again and led the way through the front hall. On the veranda they met Miss Harriet coming from the garden with her arms full of fresh cut roses.

"Going for a walk?" she asked. "If you wait a moment I'd like to join you."

"Young person," said her uncle with mock severity, "there is hardly enough of Lord Croyland to go around, it seems. I've got him for half an hour, and I'm going to keep him! Shoo!"

He took Richard's arm and led him along the gravel path.

"Is that the reason?" he whispered, slyly jerking his thumb in the direction of his niece. Richard blushed. "Oh, you young dog! Well, I can't blame you, Dick. Great girl, isn't she?"

They had now reached a shaded bench in a secluded part of the grounds, where they seated themselves and prepared for the confessional.

"You see," began the rat little law-

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yer, who seemed to exude good humor from every pore, "at first I couldn't exactly make out what you were up to, you scamp, so I drew you out on our friend Napoleon. You are not well up on the history or the statuary of your beloved country, Dicky, boy. Brush up!"

Richard laughed and asked:

"But you were on to me when I took that paddock fence, weren't you? It gave me the creeps when I heard your compliment."

"Of course I was," assented Mr. Corrigan, shaking with amusement. "You don't suppose I lived in Texas two years for nothing but my health! And on your own father's ranch too! I had been told that Renwyck had 'captured a real live nobleman.' I was just strolling over to have a peep at him, when, lo and behold, I find him tearing around a horse lot on one devil as if another were after him!" Mr. Corrigan paused to chuckle. "But, Dick," he said presently, "you made one grave mistake."

"What was that?"

You should have worn a two foot sombrero, scooped up Harriet's handkerchief at a mad gallop, fired off a brace of guns and plugged holes in Renwyck's hat. Then they would have known you were an Englishman. Now, let's have your story."

Richard looked at him, divided between seriousness and amusement.

"But how did you know that it was I?"

"Deduction," smiled the lawyer.

"I don't understand."

"It's simple. Had a letter from your father a few days since in which he told me you were in New York and

"Come, come, Dick. It won't do," continued Corrigan genially.

asked me to look after the tenderfoot. When I saw you ride I guessed. When I heard you talk I knew, for, Dicky, boy, as an Englishman you might pass muster in Rio Janeiro, but as an actor—well, you'd starve!"

"But the others—do they suspect?"

"Not a bit, I believe. They're dazzled, blinded by your coronet. Few Americans in New York can see straight in the presence of a lord. You're safe so far."

"Thank heaven!"

"Don't count too much on the blindness of one, however."

"And that one?"

"Harriet. But fire away. I'm listening."

Richard thereupon recounted his adventures, beginning with the cattle stampede at home and his willingness to come north in the hope of finding the girl. He told of his meeting with the real Lord Croyland and how that gentleman had coolly taken the name of Richard Williams. Then he made a clean breast of his own deception and narrated every detail of his experiences, with the exception of his business conversation with Mr. Renwyck last night.

During the recital the lawyer fairly bubbled over with amusement, applauding each experience with a series of delighted chuckles. That Richard was pulling wool over the eyes of Jacob Renwyck was a keen joy to the little man, who vividly pictured the chagrin of his brother-in-law when the comedy came to an end. He loved Harriet dearly, and now as he looked at the handsome, manly boy before him he confessed in his heart that a match between them would please him beyond expression.

"My boy," he laughed, "it's simply glorious! And now that you have a friend at court it ought to work out beautifully. Don't mind if I bullyrag you a little. It will only make Jacob take your side. What is the next feature on the programme?"

Richard frowned thoughtfully, rose and began to pace up and down.

"Mr. Corrigan," he burst forth, "I haven't told you the worst part of it. What makes it the more impossible, I don't see how I can. It would be—well, it would be a sort of breach of confidence."

"Anything serious?"

"Yes, very. That's why I didn't sleep last night. Matters have come to such a pass that I feel I must tell Mr. Renwyck who I am and take my medicine like a burglar caught in the act."

Mr. Corrigan's face fell.

"I am exceedingly sorry to hear that." He thought for a moment, then looked up with a confidential and contagious smile. "See here! I wouldn't have you betray a confidence for anything in the world, my boy, but there are two ways of looking at every question. Why not engage me as your lawyer? Every scalawag—forgive me—has a right to counsel, and you need not hesitate to bare your aching heart. Come, Dick, I'll accept one of Lord Croyland's excellent cigars as a retainer, and we'll get right down to business."

Richard brightened visibly. He handed a cigar, held a light and said:

"It's whipping the devil around the stump, I suppose, but I see no other way out of it. I do need advice, and need it bad. I'll tell you all about it on one condition."

The lawyer nodded, puffed at his cigar and gazed up into the thick leaved tree above his head, while Richard continued:

"The condition is that what I am about to tell you must be kept an absolute secret, no matter what your judgment happens to be. Promise that and I'll talk; otherwise I'm a clam."

"Dick," said the old gentleman, "I have followed the legal profession for thirty-two years, and few of my clients have found cause to complain of my discretion. This is a first rate cigar, and I'm going to earn it. What is troubling you?"

The moment Mr. Corrigan understood the proposition which Mr. Renwyck had made to Richard on the previous evening he choked with laughter until his latest client was forced to thump him vigorously on the back, while the balance of the narrative was so punctuated with his chuckles and gasps that it was concluded with some difficulty.

Richard was handicapped in his full appreciation of the joke, which appeared to him to be a very serious matter indeed. When his story was finished he observed solemnly:

"You see, Mr. Corrigan, it's this way. If I keep my mouth shut Mr. Renwyck will make it hot for dad. If I telegraph dad and give him the tip, why, just as sure as a gun, he'll turn around and wipe up the earth with Mr. Renwyck. I'm in a redhot saddle, Mr. Corrigan, with my feet tied underneath. I've just got to sit and blister. I can't see dad done up, but I'd rather do that than play a low down trick on a man who trusts me. And in any event I stand to lose the young lady. In my place what would you do?"

"Do!" shouted the little man, while huge tears trickled down his face and filled the creases of his double chin. "Do! Why, I'd do Jacob Renwyck; that's what I'd do. Go for him, Dicky bird! All's fair in love and Wall street. He isn't a lamb, I tell you. He's a ram, and a butter at that! Shear him, my boy, shear him to the skin!"

"I can't," said Richard quietly.

"Can't! The devil you can't! Why not?"

"Mr. Corrigan," said the Texan earnestly, "in business it may be a common thing to take advantage of another man when you can, and it may be foolish on my part to decline, but I tell you, sir, if I did a thing like that I could never look Miss Harriet in the face. To me it means more than money or dad or anything else. I may be a poor Englishman and a mighty bad actor, but I can't forget that I'm still a gentleman."

Richard looked his companion squarely in the eye and turned on his heel. He was about to stride angrily away when he felt two short plump arms clasped tightly around his waist and heard a laughing voice murmer in his ear:

"Oh, Dicky, Dicky, what a bully little minister you have spoiled! Sit down, young man, and let me tell you one thing soberly." He half dragged, half pushed Richard to a seat upon the bench and stood above him, resting two plump hands upon his shoulders. The laughter now was gone, and in its place came a wondrous tenderness. "My boy," he said, "I'd rather have seen you as you stood just now than as the owner of all deep water harbors that were ever dredged. You came here to win Harriet, and you're going to get her if I have to sit on Jacob Renwyck while you run off with the girl on Hawk—a la Lochinvar! God bless you, boy! I—I love you for what you said, and now I'm going to tell you something else."

Once more the merriment twinkled in the little gimlet eyes whose owner held his sides and shook from shoe to collar button. Richard waited patiently for Uncle Michael to speak, but that gentleman sat puffing his cigar and apparently studying the momentous question in all its lights and bearings.

"Dick," he said abruptly, "you have got yourself into a nice mess, haven't you? It's up to you to do something original. Any ideas on the subject?"

"Yes," said Richard; "I'm going to Mr. Renwyck this evening and make a clean breast of it. It's the only thing I can do."

Mr. Corrigan whistled softly.

"After which brilliant move I dare say you will apply for board in the state insane asylum."

"Any place will do for me after that," admitted the unfortunate adventurer.

"You would find its inmates congenial after you followed that course, I am sure, but if I were in your place I'd do nothing of the kind."

"Why not?"

"For various reasons. In the first place, what good will it do? Would you then be in a position to tell your father? No; you see that clearly for yourself. You will be invited to leave Irvington and will accept the invitation promptly. Thus endeth the first lesson, Miss Harriet Renwyck being the principal subject matter. Mr. Jacob Renwyck will then institute proceedings against one Bill Williams for obtaining information by fraud in the person of his son."

"But, my dear sir," cried Dick, with some asperity, "I had no such intention, I assure you. The information was—well, it was forced on me."

"Aha!" exclaimed the old lawyer knowingly. "That's just the delicate point. I'm speaking legally. Of course you're innocent. You know it, and I believe it, but how about a jury of your peers? To put it bluntly, you have taken the name of a wounded and helpless man without his knowledge or consent. You have bribed his servant. Bad point, Dick—very bad. Then you creep into a confiding old gentleman's house and worm away the secrets of his inmost heart. The alleged pursuit of the girl is merely a blind to cover your deep laid, crafty, nefarious designs, which"—

"Hold on, for God's sake!" vehemently protested Richard, appalled at the revelation of his perfidy by the lawyer's merciless logic, which was about as hard to bear as if it had been a truthful indictment. "Don't put it that way! You make me feel like an actual criminal. Next I'll be stealing their cut glass and silver hairbrushes."

"I am merely looking at it from a legal point of view," said the little man solemnly. "To confess to Jacob now is the very worst policy imaginable."

"Then what am I to do?" demanded the young man savagely.

"Brazen it out," advised his counsel, striving to suppress the dancing humor in his eyes. "But, for the Lord's sake, Dicky, boy, do brush up on English history."

"And what of dad?"

Mr. Corrigan began to chuckle and to rub his hands violently.

"I'm afraid," he said, with great conviction, "that Bill will have to play this hand alone. You can't help him, young man, and you've got to trust to luck. If your father finds out about the deal he may pull down Jacob's ladder; if not—well, I'm almost as sorry for Bill as I am for his son."

Richard drew his brows together in a troubled frown.

"And is that all the advice you can give me?" he asked, hoping against hope.

"No," said the little man; "there is one more suggestion, and a sound one, too, by George! My vision is a shade imperfect owing to creeping age, but I think I see Harriet over yonder under the trees. I, as your counsel, direct you to go and talk to her."

This last piece of advice was too good to be neglected, and Richard, dismissing his cares, followed it forthwith.

CHAPTER X.

WHEN the young Texan had got out of earshot Mr. Corrigan leaned back and laughed till his plump sides could stand the strain no more. Rarely had he passed so amusing and delightful a half hour. He lived the lonely life of a wealthy old bachelor, and the comedy had come to him in the shape of a godsend. He liked what he had seen of the young man immensely, and he was prepared to like him more for his father's sake, but he determined to make him suffer as much as possible in payment for his reckless assurance. Besides, he had another end in view, the success of which depended largely upon the son of his old friend Bill Williams. Every feature of the game was a joy to his merry heart, and in order to watch its progress he determined to be a frequent visitor at Restmore, which promised to belie its name and become a troubled spot, after all. Rising from the bench at last, he cut across lots toward his own home, half a mile away, measuring every stride with a sort of chuckling pedometer.

Meanwhile Richard followed the lawyer's counsel, not only as to closing his mouth with regard to Mr. Renwyck, but as to opening it without delay with regard to Mr. Renwyck's daughter. This at least was his intention, but he found himself once more disappointed. Miss Harriet was in her favorite seat on the lawn, with an open book resting in her lap. Richard's footfalls made no sound on the soft green turf, and, unconscious of his approach, before he was within hailing distance she arose abruptly and went into the house. He followed her forthwith, but just as he reached the veranda steps a sprightly little figure bounced out and greeted him effusively. Needless to say, it was not Miss Renwyck. Miss Imogene Chittendon was more fluffily irritating to the adventurer than usual. Her motions, like her manner of speech, were nervous and spasmodic, not unlike the movements of a humming bird over a bunch of honeysuckle, with the lord representing the fragrant blossoms.

"Why, Lord Croyland!" she twittered, with something between a giggle and a shriek, "how very fortunate! I was just going out to pick wild flowers. I've never picked wild flowers with a real nobleman. Please say you are just dying to give me a new experience."

She looked up at him with a baby-like air of innocence and admiration and laughed again.

"I—I should be delighted," said Richard, telling the first downright lie which had passed his lips since arriving at Irvington.

He relieved her of the absurd basket she was carrying on her arm and started across the fields, cursing inwardly at the fate which linked him with this troublesome and irresponsible little creature and striving outwardly to be decently polite to her. Unconscious of his cogitation, Miss Imogene fluttered at his side, now murmuring idiotic small talk into his bored ears, now pouncing with little squeals of delight upon some gaudily colored weed and depositing it in the basket.

"It is so good of you to come," she confided, with a melting glance. "It isn't heavy enough to tire you, is it? You are so strong, you know, and so brave."

She alluded to the basket, which weighed perhaps four ounces. Richard assured her that he thought he could stand the strain and that he was not in the least afraid of butterflies, the only living thing they had met so far, which brought forth a fresh outburst of gigglesome joy. Presently she took a seat upon a stone, begged him to do likewise and began fanning herself with her hat.

"Do you know," she whispered, "I think I shall trust you and tell you a secret."

"All right," he said carelessly. "Fire—er—I mean do so, by all means." He seated himself and added dramatically, "Believe me, maiden, it shall be sacred with me."

"There!" she cried in triumph. "I knew you could do it, though Harriet says flatly—just flatly—that you couldn't."

"Couldn't what?"

"Act."

"Well, she's right," agreed Richard. "I can't. I've been told so before. Where do you get your strange delusions?"

Once more her big baby eyes looked upward with a pleading glance.

"But you'd try if I asked you, wouldn't you? You couldn't resist if I begged you—er—real hard, could you?"

"Nothing short of assassination could make me refuse you," said Richard, emphasizing the pronoun and looking sadly out across the Hudson. It was wrong, of course, but he couldn't help it, and really she was pretty enough to excuse so venial a lapse.

"Oh, you dear, delightful man!" chirruped the little lady. "Now, listen. Don't look at the river. Look at me."

"I dare not."

"Nonsense! You said you were not afraid of butterflies."

"I was wrong. I am of one."

"Don't be afraid of me. I won't hurt you," said the highly flattered girl laughingly.

"I breathe again. Go on."

"Well, Lord Croyland, we are going to have a little one act play on Friday evening, and you are in it, because you just said you would, and I know you will do it just beautifully, because I told Harriet you could, and, having promised, of course you can't refuse now, when everything has been"—

"I've never picked wild flowers with a real nobleman."

"Hold on; hold on!" interrupted Richard. "I'm sort of losing my grip on things. Slow down to a trot and let's get our bearings."

This sounded very unlike an English nobleman, but the young lady in her excitement failed to notice.

"You see," she began again, "the play is called 'The Man and the Bird.' You are the man, and"—

"And you are the bird," completed Richard. "I thought as much. Well, go on."

Miss Imogene dimpled with pleasure and applauded his quick perception.

"Yes," she said; "I am the bird, and you—it's only a play, you know, of course—and you're just desperately in love with me."

"I couldn't act that part. It's too real, and"—

"Oh, yes, you can! I thought you wouldn't find it difficult. I'll help you."

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 50 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.25 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.35 per barrel for hard, $3.50 for dip and $5.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm $2.30; crude turpentine, $3.35; $4.50 and $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	8
Rosin	91
Tar	—
Crude Turpentine	38

Receipts—Same day last year, 4 casks spirits turpentine; 133 barrels rosin; 80 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, at 11 1-2 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 10 1-4 cents for middling.

Receipts—1,181 bales, same day last year 653 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 95c, extra prime $1.00; fancy $1.05 per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 80; fancy 75@80; Spanish 90@95c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Firm at 17@18c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 8@9c per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — 01.90@$2.00 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 3 points, near months being rallied easy as a result of somewhat disappointing cables and reports of poor trade conditions. After the opening a few months sold about 4 to 6 points net lower but rallied on May bull support and during the middle of the morning ruled about unchanged to two points lower. Business was quiet and mostly local. Futures closed steady with prices net 5 points higher to 2 points lower.

Receipts at the ports today were 38,556 bales against 29,517 last week and 36,750 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 217,956 last week and 208,913 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 5,031 bales against 7,178 last year and at Houston 7,164 bales against 13,752 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 11.20; middling gulf 11.95; sales 2,020 bales.

Month.	Open.	Close.
February	—	10.93
March	11.00	11.03
April	11.05	11.07
May	11.03	11.11
June	11.00	11.01
July	10.75	10.78
August	10.59	11.59
September	—	10.09
December	—	11.02

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 11 3-4; Net receipts 12,578.

New Orleans—Steady, 11 3-4; Net receipts 5,031.

Mobile—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 1,168.

Savannah—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 3,603.

Charleston—Quiet, 11 1-4; Net receipts 299.

Wilmington—Steady, 11 1-2; Net receipts 1,181.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 7-8; Net receipts 4,616.

Baltimore—Nominal 11 7-8.

New York—Quiet, 11.70; Net receipts 4,626.

Boston—Quiet, 11.70; Net receipts 82.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 11.95; Net receipts 28.

Total today, at all ports, Net 28,556; Great Britain 14,400; Continent 300; Stock 805,699.

Consolidated, at oil ports, Net 28,556; Great Britain 14,400; Continent 800.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 8,499,200; Great Britain 2,310,086; France 598,417; Continent 2,254,310; Japan 140,382; Mexico 1,299.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 7,164.

Augusta—Steady, 12.00; Net receipts 594.

Memphis—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 1,289.

St. Louis—Quiet, 12.00; Net receipts 543.

Louisville—Firm, 12.00.

Little Rock—Steady, Net receipts 883.

Total today—Net Receipts 10,380; Gross Receipts 16,166; Shipments 16,962; Sales 2,136; Stock 295,652.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Cotton: spot, quiet; prices unchanged; American middling fair 6.97; good middling 6.61 middling 6.35; low middling 6.01; good ordinary 5.89; ordinary 5.09.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 4,700 American. Receipts 15,000 bales including 9,300 American. Futures opened quiet and steady and closed quiet. American middling G O C: February 5.90; February and March 5.88; March and April 5.87 1-2; April and May 5.85; May and June 5.82 1-2; June and July 5.80; July and August 5.74 1-2; August and September 5.64; September and October 5.51 1-2; October and November 5.42; November and December 5.39 1-2.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—The dry goods market closed quiet and steady. Next week jobbers sales will be frequent as many buyers are coming in on excursions from the south and southwest. Cotton goods hold fairly steady but a light trade is passing. Raw silk is lower again and reached the lowest level for some time. Staple woolens and worsteds will be opened Monday by two time. Stapleshrdletaocmfwy by two leading houses. The curtailment of production in the mills are increasing very rapidly.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—There was nothing striking in the news to account for the increase of selling pressure in the stock market. The movement was rather of cumulative effect of the feeling of the discouragement that has grown up during the week as to any prospect for an early revival of a widespread demand for securities such as can only form the proper basis for successful speculative operations. A considerable period of dullness and neglect of the stock market is the clearly expressed anticipation heard among habitual operators and voice in the action of he marke. There is the apprehension also of possible delay in he revival of indusrial and business activity in the country. Sundry items of information which appeared today were of a more cheerful complexion on this subject than has been the recent rule, but their purport was ignored in the movement of prices. The complexion of the bank statement, when it appeared after the market closed was seen to be affected by the preparations of the trust companies for their inclusion this week, for the first time, in the public statement of condition. Bonds were easy sales par value $1,300.00. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Sales 437,300 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—Money on call nominal. Time loans steady, but quiet, sixty days 3 3-4 to 4 and ninety days 4 per cent.; six months 4 1-2. Close: Prime mercantile paper 5 1-4 to 6 per cent.; sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8640 to 4.8650 for demand and at 4.83 to 4.8315 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.82 3-4 to 4.83. Bar silver 56 1-2. Mexican dollars 47.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $29,832,175 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $10,694,550 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, $1,139,755,700; increase $5,969,600.

Deposits $1,137,384,500; decrease $1,117,000.

Circulation $67,391,500; decrease $1,872,200.

Legal tenders $60,097,000; decrease $6,915,500.

Specie $254,081,300; decrease $4,058,300.

Reserve $314,178,300; decrease $10,973,800.

Reserve required $284,246,125; decrease $279,250.

Surplus $29,832,175; decrease $10,694,550.

Ex-U. S. deposits $44,740,950; decrease $11,031,775.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks at the close of business yesterday was 27.70.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not members of the clearing house, issued for the first time today shows that these institutions have aggregated deposits of $613,478,500, total cash on hand $49,026.000, and loans amounting to $770,262,800.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103 7-8
U. S. refunding 2s cou	103 7-8
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	101
U. S. new 4s reg	118
U. S. new 4s cou	119 1-2
American Tobacco Co. 4s	63
American Tobacco Co. 6s	102
Atlantic Coast Line	87 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio	100
L. & N. Unified 4s	100
Seaboard Air Line	49
Southern Railway 5s	87 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	87 3-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	48 1-8
American Car and Foundry	27
American Cotton Oil Co.	32 1-4
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	80
American Locomotive	33 3-4
American Smelting and ref	62 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	90
American Sugar Refining	110 3-4
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert.	78 1-2
Atchison	69 5-8
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	66
Baltimore & Ohio	79 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	83
Chesapeake & Ohio	27 7-8
Kansas City Southern	20
Kansas City Southern pfd	49
L. & N.	93 1-2
New York Central	95 1-8
Norfolk & Western	62
Norfolk & Western pfd	75
Pennsylvania	111 1-8
People's Gas	85 1-4
Reading	97 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd	81
Rock Island Co.	11 3-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	23 1-2
Southern Pacific	69 5-8
Southern Pacific pfd	109 1-4
Southern Railway	10 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	31
Tenn., Coal & Iron	
U. S. Steel	27 1-4
U. S. Steel pfd	90 1-4
Va-Car. Chemical	16
Va-Car. Chemical pfd	81
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	491
Western Union	55 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 8.—Flour steady; Minnesota patents 5.50 to 5.60; Winter patents 4.75 to 5.10.

Rye Flour—Steady; 4.75 to 5.35.

Buckwheat Flour—Steady; $3.00 per 100 pounds.

Corn Meal—Barely steady; fine 1.40 to 1.45.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.01. Options 1 cent net lower; May 1.05 1-8, July 1.01 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 69 1-2. Options 1-4c net lower, May 70 5-8; July 69 1-8.

Oats—Steady; mixed 57.

Lard—Quiet; Western prime 7.50 to 7.60.

Pork—Firm; family 16.00 to 17.00

Tallow—Quiet; city 5 1-4.

Rice—Quiet; domestic 3 1-4 to 6.

Molasses—Quiet; New Orleans 34 to 42.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.25; centrifugal 96 test 3.75; molasses sugar 3.00. Refined steady; confectioners 4.70; mould A. 5.25; cut loaf 5.70; crushed 5.60; powdered 5.00; granulated 4.90; cubes 5.15.

Coffee—Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 6 1-4; Santos No. 4, 8 3-8; mild coffee —Steady; Cordova 9 3-4 to 13. Futures, net unchanged to 5 points lower.

Butter and Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Firm, unchanged.

Cabbages—Dull, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Easy under freer crude offerings and unloading. Prime crude 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 38 3-4; off summer yellow 36 to 38; good off summer yellow 37 to 38 1-2; prime white 39 to 41; prime winter yellow 40 1-2 to 42 1-2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Liberal Australian shipments and a consequent decline at Liverpool caused weakness in the local wheat market May showing a net loss of one cent. at the close. Corn was 1-4c lower. Oats closed 1-4c down. Provisions were a shade to 2 1-2 to 5c higher.

Wheat—May 97 1-4; July 93 1-4; Sept. 89 7-8.

Corn—May 61 5-8; July 59 3-4; Sept. 59 1-4.

Oats—May, old 54; May, new 51 7-8 to 52; July, old 40 1-4; July, new 44 3-8.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—May 12.05; July 12.35.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—May 7.55; July 7.70.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—May 6.57 1-2; July 6.82 1-2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

No. 2 spring wheat—98 to 1.08; No. 2 red 93 7-8 to 97.

No. 2 corn 57 1-2 to 58 1-2; No. 2 yellow 59 1-2 to 60.

No. 3 white oats—50 3-8 to 52 1-4.

Short Ribs, Sides (loose)—6.00 to 6.25.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—11.62 1-2 to 11.75.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—7.30.

Short Clear Sides (boxed)—6.25 to 6.50.

Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Feb. 8.—Rosin quiet at 4.00; turpentine is quiet at 55 1-2.

Savannah, Feb. 8.—Turpentine firm 51; sales 256; receipts 145; shipments 131. Rosin firm; sales 1,586; receipts 2,554; shipments 1,480; stock 97,353. Quote: A B C D E, 3.55; F, 3.55 to 3.65; G, 3.55 to 3.70; H, 3.55 to 3.75; I, 4.00; K, 5.00; M, 5.25; N, 5.90; W G, 6.50; W W, 6.60.

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C. C. Railroad—108 bales cotton; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

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W., C. & A. Railroad—824 bales cotton; 4 barrels rosin; 29 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—145 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 50 barrels rosin.

Str. Johnson—6 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 37 barrels rosin.

Total—1,181 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 91 barrels rosin; 38 barrels crude turpentine.

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J. S. Hoskins, 390 tons, Gale, C. D. Mafitt.

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—Dupin Journal: "The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Peter McIntyre will hear with deep regret of the death of this aged, devoted and godly mother, which occurred at her home in Dalhousie, weN Brunswick, Canado, on Thursday last, January 30th and the love and sympathy of their many friends is gladly extended them in these hours of sadness and separation from loved ones."

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Prohibition Laws Were Discussed Pro and Con but Nothing Was Really Accomplished in the Committtes.

For nearly three hours the members of the House Committee on Naval Affairs threshed over the "Greater Navy" question, preliminary to Monday's vote, which will decide whether the committee shall recommend an appropriation for the building of the four battleships asked for by the department and urged strongly by the president or shall recommend the building of only two in accordance with the general policy of retrenchment supported at the present session by the open majority. No decision was reached and the discussion was more or less frank no member announced in advance his vote.

Representative Hobson, of Alabama, who with Representatives Lamar, of Missouri; Talbott, of Maryland, and Padgett, of Tennessee, visited the White House this week by the president's invitation to canvass the situation in the committee and in the House, led the debate in favor of four ships.

The meeting was executive. The outlook is that the committee will recommend the construction of only two battleships.

In the Senate.

A sub-committee of the Senate committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Senators Knox of Pennsylvania, Fulton, of Oregon, and Bacon, of Georgia, today gave an extended hearing on the Tillman bill providing that upon the arrival of liquors within a State and before delivery to a consignee, they shall be subject to the operation of the laws of the State, in the same manner as though such liquor had been produced in the State.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, National President of the W. C. T. U. said that in Maine bogus express companies operate surrepticiously through keepers of "blind tigers" etc. In that way, she said, it is never possible to trace it to the consignees as contemplated by the law as now interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States. She wanted the law amended so that the liquor might be seized at the point of destination without regard to the consignee.

Opponents of the bill appeared in the persons of George W. Yost, president of the National Vial and Bottle Manufacturers' Association, and William Launier, secretary of the National Glass Blowers' Association, who claimed the proposed legislation threatened their business which they said employs 40,000 people.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, suggested that when prohibition laws were enacted in Georgia, there was a big brewery near his home which every one supposed would be closed down. "But," added, Senator Bacon, "they began to make a beer that had no alcohol in it. The Agricultural Department has pronounced it to be non-alcoholic and now they are bottling more beer than ever before."

"It is certainly worth coming a long distance to hear that encouraging news," said one of the bottlers who had come from Ohio to attend the hearing.

The sub-committee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, appointed to investigate the charges against Judge O. R. Hundley, with his appointment of Federal Judge for the Northern district of Alabama, is before the Senate for confirmation met today and examined T. G. Bush, of Birmingham, one of the receivers for the Southern Steel Company, whose appointment by Hundley is held against his record. During the hearing a queery was propounded as to whether Senator Johnston of Alabama, had recommended the appointment of Bush to Judge Hundley. Senator Johnston, who was present at the hearing emphatically denied that this had been the case. He said he was a warm friend of Bush, but had made no recommendations concerning his appointment as a receiver.

Augustus Benners, attorney for the creditors of the Southern Steel Company, who drew the complaint of the board of receivers, and trustees appointed by Hundley, was recalled by the committee and asked for an explanation of a resolution offered in a creditors' meeting by the president of the First National Bank of Birmingham, commending the receivers Hundely had placed in power. This resolution was supported by Benners, but he said that subsequent acts of the receivers had not justified it.

A report to the effect that the liquor lobby, seeking to defeat the pending prohibition amendment, had raised $150,000 with which to capture the necessary votes in the State Senate at Charleston, W. Va., to prevent the requisite two-thirds majority, was responsible yesterday for the appointment of a committee of three Senators to make a rigid investigation and report the facts to the Senate.

The House Committee on Courts of Justice resolved at Richmond, Va., yesterday that it was inexpedient to go into an investigation of the charges against Judge Blackstone for whose impeachment a petition had been presented at the regular session and further that a special session of the legislature should be held.

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MURDERED KING HAS HIS FUNERAL

The Whole of Portugal is In Morning Over The Entire Affair.

NEW KING IS SALUTED

Church Bells Did Their Solemn Duty and the Priests Performed Their Sacred Functions—Mourning Even In Paris.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—With the church bells tolling continually, the bodies of the murdered King Carlos and his son Luiz, the crown prince, in two golden chariots shrouded in black velvet and drawn by ten hooded horses, were escorted by a glittering funeral pageant today across Lisbon to the Portugese pantheon and laid at rest beside their ancestors of the Braganza dynasty. Several hours elapsed from the time the foreign Princes and the special ambassadors of all the powers gathered at the palace for the ceremony there, until three salvos of twenty-one guns and three volleys of musketry answered by the British warships in the harbor, announced that the last rites were over.

Not a single untoward incident marked the last act of Portugal's tragedy. The great outpouring of people along the line of procession was noteworthy. They packed the pavements, crowded the windows and choked the side streets. While evidences of deep and popular sorrow seemed to be absent, many stood with uncovered heads and nowhere was actual disrespect witnessed.

The day was one in which the Portugese people united in prayer for their murdered King and Prince.

Troops guarded the streets and were massed in numerous parks and plazas along the route; all shops and cafes were closed and shutters covered the windows of the ministerial buildings in the Praca do Commercio where the King and Crown Prince were assassinated a week ago.

It was a grief stricken palace, hearts were turned in pity and strong men shaken at the scene in the private apartments where special embassies were gathered. Neither Queen Amelie nor the dowager Queen were to be seen, but King Manul carried himself as bravely as he might. He was deadly pale and on the verge of a complete breakdown when the ordeal was finished. The Duke of Connaught, Prince Eitel Frederick and Infante Fernando in addition to verbal condolences, presented personal letters from their sovereigns to the King who was greatly touched at these messages. Tears that were almost constantly in his eyes several times overflowed.

When the members of the court and the special representatives of foreign countries entered the chapel for the last brief service the King remained behind. Neither he nor the two Queens followed the cortege to the cathedral. The violent death of his father, it is explained, absolved King Manuel from conforming to the tradition of walking behind the dead to the grave. Nevertheless his absesnce and the absence of Queen Amelie and the Dowager Queen has caused universal comment, being generally attributed to other reasons.

The funeral procession left the palace at exactly half past eleven on its long march of over three and a half miles to the church of San Vincento, which is attached to the royal pantheon.

The funeral cortege moved more slowly than had been expected and it was the middle of the afternoon before it reached the church. The pageant was a glittering one. It was headed by a section of cavalry followed by the municipal guards. Then came six grooms of the chamber in gala dress followed by the carriages of the judges, councillors, members of the house of Peers, ambassadors, princes, government and palace officials and ecclesiastical functionaries. Either side of the hearses marched a file of soldiers of the royal guard.

The rear of the procession consisted of the royal bodyguard, the military household of the King, mounted officers and a company of cavalry.

Apart from the hearses themselves, which were covered with heavy draperies and trappings of black velvet, bordered with fringes of gold, the feature of the cortege that attracted the most attention were he gilded State coaches of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries, which were reserved for the use of the foreign missions and the highest dignitaries of Portugal. The first three coaches in lines were filled with court functionaries. In the fourth rode the ministers of the United States, Brazil and Russia and the Papal Nuncio. The fifth was occupied by Count D'Ormesson and the other members of the French mission, while the sixth carried the royal Princes of Germany, Spain; Great Britain and Italy.

In contrast to the sombre occasion the day commenced with glorious weather, the sun shining brilliantly and the air filled with the slow pealing of church bells. Messengers were seen passing through the streets bearing wreaths and floral pieces. Some of these were remembrances from foreign Kings and Rulers that were being sent to the palace.

Clarions sounded down the principal avenue, announcing the approach of the regiments which later followed the funeral procession. Then from afar came a fanfare of bugles summoning the cavalry, which deployed rapidly to guard the route of the cortege.

During the morning King Manuel received the missions sent to Lisbon by the sovereigns and chiefs of State of foreign countries. Neither Queen was present at this function.

While the cortege was being organized the members of the royal family took their last view of their dead at the palace. Prayers were said in the royal chapel by the priests and then the two coffins were carried out, the King, the two Queens and the Duke of Orepto marching behind.

Manuel was clad in the uniform of a midshipman. The two Queens who were robed in the mourning garb of English widows, their black cloaks covered by a long veil, carried, as did the King, tall lighted candles. They left the coffins at the portals of the palace.

Solemn Services in Paris.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Solemn memorial services were held in Notre Dame Cathedral today by Archbishop Amiette for the repose of the souls of King Carlos and his son. Count De Sousa Rosa, the Portugese minister, several representatives of the Orleans family and many persons prominent in French society and a large gathering of priests were present. In the transcept of the cathedral rested two catafalques draped in black and surrounded by Portugese flags.

The heavily armed procession which left the Nessidades Palace was deminiscent of a bygone age. Cavalry with pikes led the way; infantry and artillery brought up the rear. The cortege proper was surrounded by squadrons of dragoons. It consisted of the funeral cars, following in the wake of high seated gilded coaches each drawn by six pairs of richly caparisoned mules, in which rode the special ambassadors and the high dignitaries of the court. These lumbering, creaking, springless vehicles are Portugal's pride, going back to the Golden Age Each has a romantic history. Running alongside of these were special platoons of hussars with drawn sabres. The crown, veiled with crepe, was borne in a separate carriage. The sword bearers and the staff bearers walked ahead of the funeral cars and three rows of taper bearers on either side. Bareheaded lacqueys in the royal livery of red and yellow and halberdiers with arms reversed marched behind the cars. Here also came the mounts of the dead masters, covered with black mantels. The sleeves of the soldiers, the whips of the coachmen, hilts of swords, caps of grooms and points of lances all bore crepe. The street lamps veiled and lighted heightened the effect of the cortege.

The head of the cortege drew up before the stone steps leading to the church in the reign of Phillip II., wherein an adjoining wing or royal pantheon, are entombed members of the royal family. It is situated in the old quarter of the town near ancient monastery, now the palace of the primate of Lisbon. A group of clergy headed by the patriarch of Lisbon awaited the cortege at the steps.

The coffins were carried from the hearses and, enveloped in the national flag, were placed on biers in front of the church. Troops formed about them in an open square, and now occurred what seemed to many the most touching incident of the day. From one side slowly marched a company of men wearing long black robes, and carrying lighted torches. They were members of the ancient sacred fraternity of the Holy House of Pity, organized in the 13th century, to which Portugese tradition has accorded the privilege of uttering the first absolution over dead sovereigns as well as later of claiming the catafalque and burial pall, which they may sell for the benefit of their charities. The service is symbolized by disregard for all worldly vanities and by humility.

The chaplain of the order intoned the accustomed prayers, while the troops stood at attention and in the distance could be heard the minute guns of the land batteries to which the British and Spanish cruisers replied gun for gun. This brief but imposing ceremony finished, the primate with the words "requiescat in pace," sprinkled the coffins with holy water and they were borne by the high court dignitaries into the church and laid side by side on a catafalque in front of the altar. Meanwhile, the master of ceremonies conducted the special missions and the diplomats to special tribunes built for their use. The interior of the edifice was draped from ceiling to floor with rich hangings of purple velvet embroidered in gold. Vari-colored jewels encrusting the ebony cross gleamed in the subdued light of numberless candles, which was also reflected from the jeweled orders covering the breasts of most of the mourners who filled the cathedral.

The second absolution having been pronounced by the patriarch a requiem mass was celebrated. The ceremony in the church lasted half an hour and the coffins remained for some time for public view and were then conveyed to the mortuary chapel adjoining the church, where another mass was said for the repose of the souls of the dead.

The ceremony of handing over the coffins to the patriarch of Lisbon was carried out immediately after the departure of the members of the cortege. The grand chamberlain handed him the keys and declared upon solemn oath that the bodies of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luiz Phillippe really were contained in the coffins; that he had seen and recognized them and locked them in and had accompanied the bearers of the keys to the cathedral. High court officials signed as witnesses the two documents regarding the handing over of the keys.

The display of flowers in the interior of the cathedral was remarkable. The tribunes erected for the diplomats and other official guests, as well as the altar and chancel rails and the court high flanking pillars, were thickly hung with wreaths.

Two of the largest floral pieces, fully six feet in circumference, occupied the most prominent position against the altar rails. These were from the Emperor of Germany. Another somewhat similar in proportions came from President Roosevelt. Spanish and other royal houses, including the various branches of the Orleans family, were represented by handsome floral tributes, and the British, American, Spanish and other foreign colonies sent floral pieces in great numbers.

The funeral service in the church of San Vincente was imposing. The catafalque was placed about the middle of the church under the dome. The two biers were ornamented with gold embroidery while the catafalque was on black and silver. Around the three sides of the catafalque were arranged massive brass candelabra with tapers reaching some eight and some ten feet from the ground. Up the steep black carpeted stone steps the heavy coffins were borne and deposited on the two parallel biers a few feet inside the door. Here the first prayers were said and the responses sung.

The ponderous coffins were borne up the church, that of the Prince first, then that of the King, by court officials. It took twenty stalwart men to bear the massive sarcophagus bearing the body of King Carlos.

The two coffins were in the same fashion carried within the chancel and placed on the sloping biers of the catafalque. Behind the King's coffin walked all the members of the new ministry. These now joined the brilliant congregation of mourners assembled under the dome. A huge cross was adjusted prone between the two biers.

Tall lighted tapers were distributed among the officers, priests and court functionaries who were standing, and the requiem mass was begun.

This most impressive portion of the service was enriched by orchestral and vocal music. The service was concluded with absolution.

An interesting feature of the ceremony was the emblematic crown covered with crepe, carried by an official and guarded by an admiral with a drawn sword. Portugal has no crown but the emblem was there at the foot of the double bier. The bodies will be exposed to public view until Monday afternoon.

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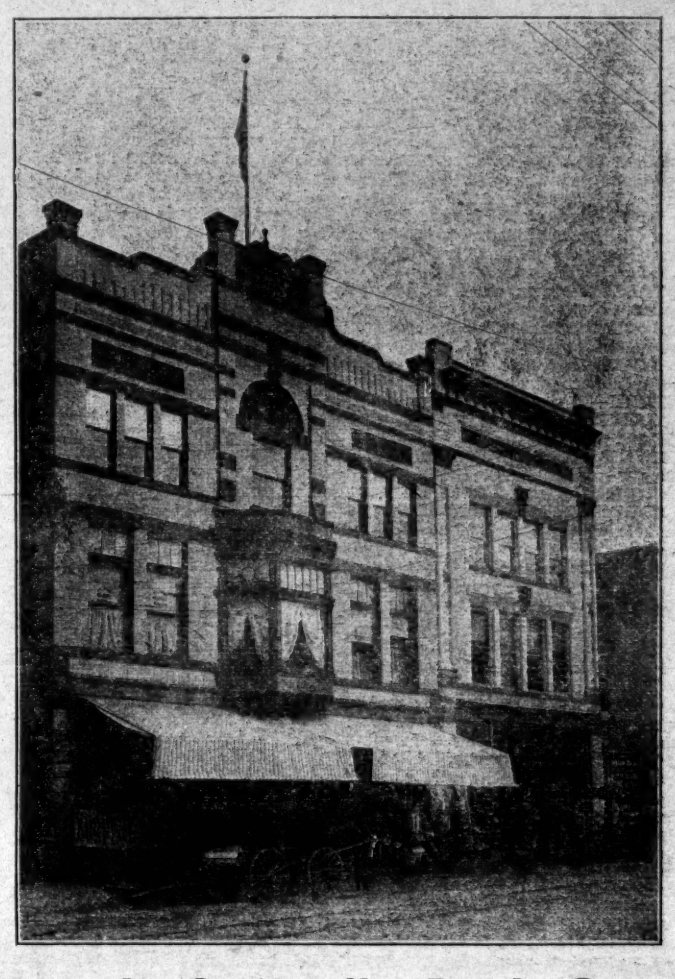

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